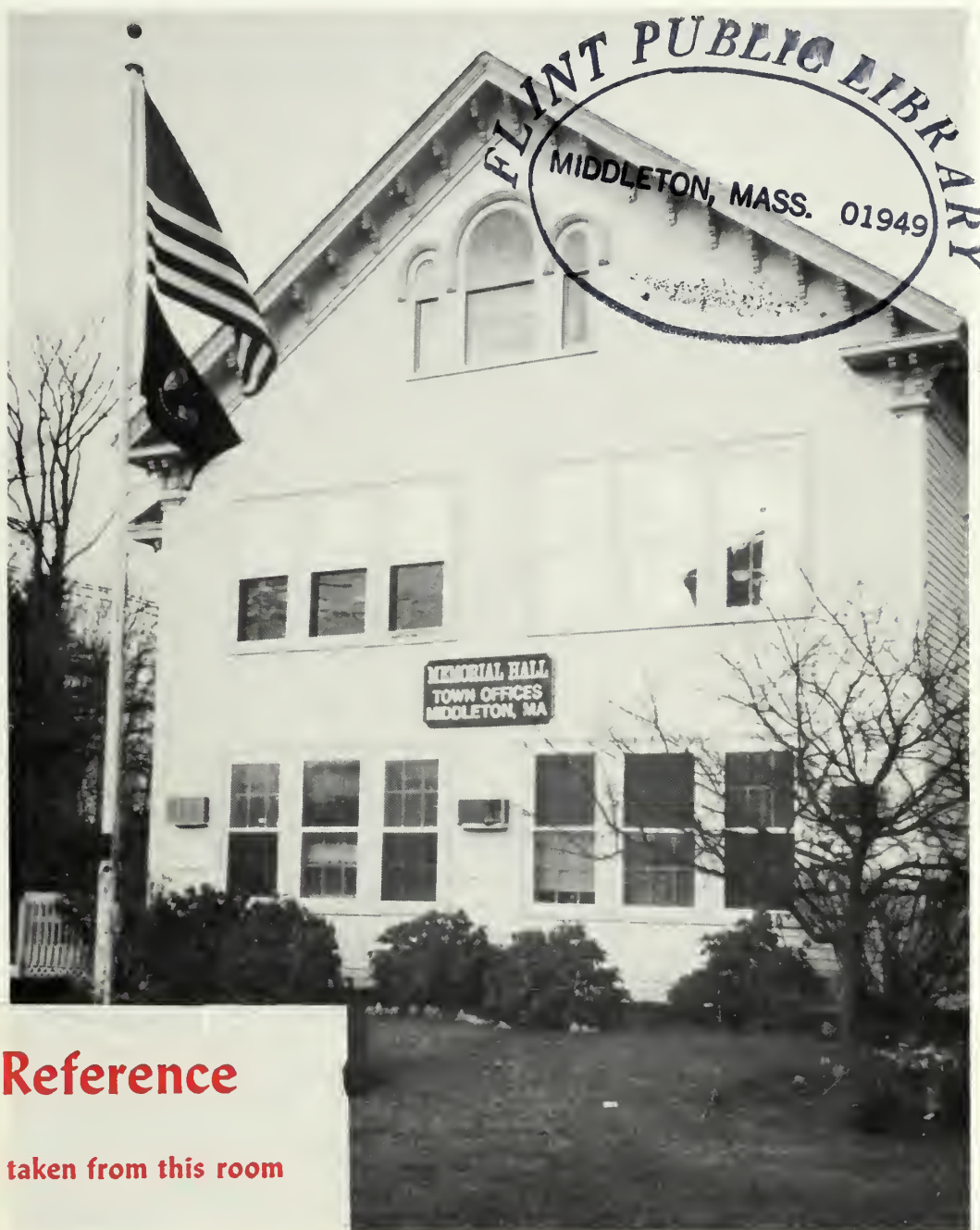


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## DEDICATION



Each year as we compile the information for our Annual Report, we cannot help but be reminded of the contributions of all of the individuals who volunteer their time to our Town. There are many who serve on committees, lend a hand when needed, and help to make this Town what it is today.

This year we are honored to dedicate the 1996 Annual Town Report to Linda Levesque, who devoted an exceptional amount of time and hard work in making major contributions to our Town.

Linda began volunteering her time at the Flint Public Library in 1973 and was a leader in forming the Friends of the Flint Library Organization. She went on to become a Trustee of the Library in 1977 and was elected to the Middleton Board of Selectmen in 1985 serving three terms until 1994. During that time she was the Chairman in 1991 and served as Clerk for several years. She has given freely of her time for more than 28 years serving on at least sixteen different committees and community groups. Today she continues to serve on the Scholarship, Housing Partnership, and Jail Liaison Committees.

For all she has sacrificed and given to our community, we proudly dedicate this report to her and extend our sincere heartfelt appreciation. Our Town would not be the same without her efforts!!

The Middleton Board of Selectmen

## TOWN OFFICIALS ELECTED - 1996

### MODERATOR

Norman I. Nathan	1997
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### TOWN CLERK

Sarah B. George	1999
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### SELECTMEN

Nancy M. Jones	1997
James G. Hosman	1997
Richard O. Ajootian	1998
Stephen H. Durham	1998
Richard W. Kassiotis	1999

### CONSTABLE

Robert M. Aldenberg	1998
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### BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Kosta E. Prentakis (apptd)	1997
Richard O. Ajootian	1997
Patricia A. Ohlson	1998

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Deborah M. Geisler	1997
Douglas H. Mathews	1997
Roger E. Drysdale	1998
Paul F. Woodbury, Jr.	1999
Thomas E. Skinner	1999

### REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Judy A. Gallerie	1997
Susan M. Richardson	1998
Diane H. McGowan	1999
Kurt P. Mann (apptd)	1997

### PLANNING BOARD

Beverly A. Popielski	1997
Ronald S. Twing	1998
Scott D. Hamilton	1999
David T. Leary, Sr.	2000
Timothy P. Chouinard	2001

### ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMISSIONERS

Stuart H. Lord, Jr.	1997
Richard W. Kassiotis	1997
Charles S. Clinch III	1998
Alfred J. Jones	1999
A. David Lenzie	1999

### LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Theodore H. Butler	1997
Elizabeth F. Kenney	1997
Theodore L. Novakowski	1998
Leonard A. Stone	1999
Marion B. Gilman	1999

### HOUSING AUTHORITY

Mary Jane Morin (apptd)	1997
Caroline B. Tricca	1997
Charles M. Collier	1999
Faith Anderson Stone	2000
A. Stephen Inglis (state appointed)	2000

# TOWN OFFICIALS APPOINTED - 1996

## TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Ira S. Singer.....1997

## TOWN ACCOUNTANT CUSTODIAN OF TOWN LANDS

Robert F. Murphy.....1999

## TREASURER/COLLECTOR

Charles W. Newhall .....1999

## TOWN COUNSEL

Jerome A. Segal.....1999

## ASSESSOR

Cheryl L. Gillespie.....1999

## CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOREST WARDEN

ASSISTANT EMERGENCY MGT. DIR.  
Henry Michalski, Jr.

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

George W. Nash.....1997

## CHIEF OF POLICE

Robert T. Peachey

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Joseph J. Connelly, Ed. D.

## INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FENCE VIEWER

Robert M. Aldenberg.....1997

## ALTERNATE BUILDING INSPECTOR

William F. Cashman .....1997

## HEALTH AGENT AND SANITARIAN CONSERVATION COMMISSION ADMINISTRATOR

HAZARDOUS WASTE COORDINATOR  
Leo J. Cormier.....1997

## PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR

William A. Smith ..... 1997

## INSPECTOR OF WIRES

James E. Marshall..... 1997

## ALTERNATE INSPECTOR OF WIRES

Alfred J. Jones ..... 1997

## TOWN LIBRARIAN

Shirley M. Raynard

## DOG OFFICER ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Elizabeth L. Heckman ..... 1997

## SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT OF INSECT PEST CONTROL

Dennis R. Roy ..... 1999

## SUPERINTENDENT OF BURIALS

Florence M. Leary ..... 1997

## VETERANS' AGENT

George M. Farley ..... 1997

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MIDDLETON HOUSING AUTHORITY

Kathleen A. Thurston

## DIRECTOR OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

Catherine D. LeClerc..... 1997

## MIDDLETON ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT MANAGER

William Kelley

## NORTH SHORE REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE

James M. Reynolds..... 1997



### **TRI-TOWN POLICE REGIONALIZATION COMMITTEE**

Robert F. Murphy  
Selectmens' Representative

#### **BY-LAWS COMMITTEE**

Henry Michalski, Jr., Fire Chief  
Robert T. Peachey, Police Chief  
Finance Committee Representative  
Ira S. Singer, Town Administrator  
Planning Board Representative  
Leo J. Cormier, Health Agent  
Robert M. Aldenberg, Building Inspector  
Dennis R. Roy, Superintendent of DPW  
Sarah B. George, Town Clerk

#### **MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE**

Mary C. Hocter  
Donna Innis  
George A. LeMay  
M. Alice Peters  
Theodore Butler



#### **ELECTRIC LIGHT STUDY COMMITTEE**

Richard W. Kassiotis, Selectmens' Rep.  
Finance Committee Representative  
Stuart H. Lord, Jr., MELD Commissioners' Rep.  
Alfred J. Jones, MELD Commissioners' Rep.  
Robert F. Murphy, Town Accountant  
Ira S. Singer, Town Administrator  
William Kelley, MELD Manager  
Frank B. W. Brown, Citizen-at-large  
Citizen-at-large

#### **RIVER STREET RECONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE**

Pasquale DiPlacido	1997
Bessie Curtis	1997
Louis Fedullo	1997
Larry Nelson	1997
Frederick Gibson	1997
James Hosman	1997
Sharon Nelson	1997

#### **LIAISON REP. TO THE SOUTH ESSEX SEWERAGE DISTRICT**

John J. Cooney

#### **MASCONOMET SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Richard Kassiotis

#### **CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Louis J. Fedullo	1997
Richard W. Kassiotis	1997
Stuart H. Lord, Jr.	1997
Paul A. Pellicelli	1997
Ira S. Singer	1997
Robert D. Twombly	1997
James M. Fortunato	1997
Alfonso Longo	1997
Les Taylor	1997
Roger Drysdale	1997

#### **SOLID WASTE STUDY COMMITTEE**

Leo J. Cormier	1997
Charles W. Newhall	1997
Dr. Robert R. Nersasian	1997
Mary Jane Morrin	1997
Dennis R. Roy	1998
Glen A. Bambury	1998
Henry A. Tragert	1998
Robert E. Kelley	1998

#### **ZONING TASK FORCE**

Henry A. Tragert, Citizen-at-large  
Thomas J. Harris, Citizen-at-large  
Timothy A. Eagan, Citizen-at-large  
John O. Kunz, Board of Trade  
Judson I. Deacon, Board of Trade  
Paul F. Richardson, Board of Trade  
Board of Health Representative  
Jeffrey D. Schreiber, Board of Appeals  
Planning Board Representative  
Robert M. Aldenberg, Building Inspector  
Richard W. Kassiotis, Selectmen  
Conservation Commission Representative  
Ira S. Singer, (ad hoc)

#### **SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Roger Drysdale	1998
Deborah Geisler	1998
Robert Porteous	1998
Stephen Durham	1998
Richard O. Ajootian	1998
James G. Hosman	1998
Giovanni Musto	1998
Emanuele Gulino	1998
Henry Tragert	1998
Richard Mercurio	1998
Robert Murphy	1998



**REPRESENTATIVE TO THE  
METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL  
ESSEX COUNTY BUDGET ADVISORY  
BOARD REPRESENTATIVE**

Richard W. Kassiotis

**REPRESENTATIVE TO THE IPSWICH  
RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT  
ADVISORY BOARD**

William Mugford .....1999

**REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOXFORD  
STATE FOREST ADVISORY BOARD**

Matthew W. Pride

**REPRESENTATIVE TO THE HAROLD  
PARKER STATE FOREST  
ADVISORY BOARD**

Warren A. Haas, Jr.

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Dr. Jay R. Afrow	1997
Niranjan Patel	1998
Dale P. Buckley	1998
Dr. Robert R. Nersasian	1999
Mary Jane Morrin	1999

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Patrick R. Langone	1997
Robert Porteous	1997
Paul M. Gettings	1998
Robert Twombly	1998
Jill Mann	1999
Sharon L. Nelson	1999

**BOARD OF APPEALS**

Linda Parker (alt.)	1997
William Mugford(alt.)	1997
John W. Carrington	1997
Richard O. Ajootian	1998
Stuart H. Lord, Jr.	1999
Jeffrey D. Schreiber	2000
Roger E. Drysdale	2001

**REGISTRARS OF VOTERS**

Mary C. Hocter	1997
Nancy L. Karolides	1998
Karen Gerrior	1999
Sarah B. George	(Ex Officio)

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Warren A. Haas, Jr.	1997
Sally McDonald	1998
Gertrude M. Dearborn	1998
Robert N. Lambe	1999
Leonard W. Kupreance	1999

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
CONSULTANT**

Pike Messenger

**ARTS COUNCIL**



Kenneth F. Lewis	1997
Susan A. Olmsted	1997
Peter Vantine	1997
Barbara J. Ryer	1997
Elizabeth Wetmore	1998
Ronald Deschenes	1998
Nancy Killam	1998

**COUNCIL ON AGING**

Dorothy A. Ferreira	1997
Kathryn N. Martinuk	1997
Olga Michalchuk	1997
Dorothea Faulkner	1997
Susan Moore	1998
Mary C. Hocter	1998
Hazel M. Proctor	1998
Mary Hamilton	1999
Lorne C. Davis	1999
Josephine R. Leary	2000
Ethel E. Lee	2001
May Kauffman (alt..)	1997
Peggy Sinnich (alt.)	1997
Eugene LeBlanc (alt.)	1997

#### RECREATION COMMISSION

David M. Thibault	1997
William Mugford	1997
Patti A. Flynn	1998
Diane Thibault	1999
Gary L'Abbe	1999
Michele Nowak	2000
Priscilla C. Neal	2000

#### HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Lorne C. Davis	1997
Mary T. Tragert	1998
Robert W. Fox	1999
Richard O. Ajootian	2000
John Goodwin	2001

#### NORTHEAST ESSEX REGIONAL RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Leo J. Cormier	1997
Dennis R. Roy	1997
Nancy M. Jones	1997

#### TOWN RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Leo J. Cormier	1998
Dennis R. Roy	1998
Nancy M. Jones	1998
W. Pike Messenger	1998
June Mohns	1998
Mary Jane Morrin	1998
John P. Caulfield	1998
Robert E. Kelley	1998
Donna Bambury	1998
Glen A. Bambury	1998
Robert Porteous	1998

#### SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE



Alice Tierney	1997
Linda M. Levesque	1998
Mary C. Hocter	1998
Shirley A. Murphy	1998
Donna J. Butler	1998

#### HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Kathleen A. Thurston (Ex Officio)	
Ira S. Singer (Ex Officio)	
Linda M. Levesque	1997
Paul J. Claus	1997
Joseph O. Hocter, Sr.	1997
Robert Crawford	1998
Faith Anderson Stone	1998
Ronald S. Twing	1998
Richard Ajootian	1998

#### JAIL LIAISON COMMITTEE

Robert Porteous, Fin Comm Rep	1997
Robert T. Peachey, Police Chief	1998
Henry Michalski, Fire Chief	1998
Lisa Curran, Neighborhood Rep	1998
Sandra J. Masi, Neighborhood Rep	1998
Ira S. Singer, Town Administrator	1998
John A. Goodwin, Citizen-at-large	1998
Linda Levesque, Citizen-at-large	1999
Henry P. Beauparlant, Neighborhood Rep.	1999
Richard Ajootian, Selectman	1999

#### WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Henry Michalski, Jr., Fire Chief
Ira S. Singer, Town Administrator
Nancy M. Jones, Selectmen's Rep. Planning Board Representative
Dennis R. Roy, Superintendent of the DPW
Leo J. Cormier, Health Agent

#### HEALTH INSURANCE STUDY COMMITTEE

Ira S. Singer, Town Administrator
Robert F. Murphy, Town Accountant
Charles W. Newhall, Treasurer/Collector
David T. Leary, Sr., Fire Union Rep. Police Union Rep.
Donald L. Abbott, Jr., DPW Union Rep.
Edward J. Richardson, Retirees' Representative
Stephen Belgiamo, Teachers' Union Rep.
William Kelley, MELD Manager

#### DANVERS STATE HOSPITAL REUSE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Richard O. Ajootian
George E. Dow, Sr.
James G. Hosman

# BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

## Annual Report

I am pleased to submit my fifteenth annual report on behalf of the Board of Selectmen. This report will provide a brief summary of the important town government activities and events during the fiscal year from July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1996. Details of the department and committee functions are contained in the reports which follow.

So much activity has occurred during this period that Fiscal 1996 will long be remembered as a year in which Middleton was rebuilding its future. It has been hectic for all town departments involved in these projects, especially the Planning, Conservation, and Health Boards, the Public Works and Inspections Departments and the Police and Fire Departments. During intense periods of construction, it is difficult to keep up with every day duties and services while trying to properly monitor and oversee installation of public infrastructure.

Public improvements simultaneously occurring included construction of :

- ✓ a dozen new public roads and water lines within residential subdivisions
- ✓ the Fuller Meadow School addition
- ✓ a trash transfer station
- ✓ the landfill final cap and methane gas vents
- ✓ two new athletic fields.

Brisk residential growth continues to change Middleton into a suburban community more similar to our southern and eastern neighbors such as North Reading, Danvers, Lynnfield, and Peabody. Housing starts at 65 for the fiscal year dipped slightly below 1995's ten year high of 84. At 44 permits through one half of the fiscal year, (through January 1, 1997), new housing starts are on a pace close to the 1995 record.

The population of Middleton is rapidly heading to 7,000 and could possibly reach that level at the turn of the century within three years. While many of the new neighborhoods are attractive and well laid out, and add much to the changing character of Middleton, the Town will be struggling to keep up with the demands and needs of a growing population. The 1980 federal census recorded only 4,173 residents, and by the year 2000, town government will be required to meet the needs of a population **65%** larger than it was only twenty years earlier.

Traffic congestion is spreading to even the most outlying streets, and environmental impacts of such wide scale development are becoming increasingly difficult to manage. The next few Annual Town Meetings will be asked to address growth impacts through permit limits or zoning changes.

### FINANCIAL CONDITION AND TOWN DEMOGRAPHICS

The financial condition and strength of a town government in Massachusetts is commonly measured by criterion such as: level of free cash, indebtedness, property values, composition of job and tax base, local tax rate, extent and quality of municipal services, especially schools.

#### ***Free Cash and Indebtedness***

The Town's free cash was certified at a record \$1,336,275 as of July 1, 1995, up **36%** from the previous year.

Indebtedness has increased with the school addition and landfill capping expenses, but at year end was less than 30% of the total debt service allowed by law, with 15% of the total paid from water and electric rates.

### ***Tax Rate***

The fiscal year 1996 tax rate of \$13.90 increased by 7.7% from the previous year, once again largely due to growing school enrollments. The Selectmen voted not to assign a higher tax rate to business and industry in order to attract commercial development which will help pay for residential growth costs.

It is projected that similar tax rate increases are in store for four or five years to come as school enrollments continue to climb up to 5-10%.

**The largest single impact will be the expansion now planned for Masconomet, which may cost Middleton taxpayers up to \$14,000,000 in new debt service by the Year 2000.**

### ***Job Base and Property Values***

The job base remains strong and diversified, although with little growth. The unemployment rate is consistently at or below the State average varying between 3 and 3.5% over the year. The combined values of all property in Fiscal 1997 actually dropped from \$536,722,000 to \$533,624,756, despite approximately \$20,000,000 in residential growth. The drop occurred when many commercial and industrial values were decreased in response to abatements issued by the State Appellate Tax Board.

Market sales show all property values increasing at a healthy rate indicating the underlying strength of the Town.

Very little commercial and industrial growth occurred during Fiscal Year 1996. The lack of suitably zoned sites for such development will severely limit such growth. For example, of the 139 acres of business and industrially zoned undeveloped and under-developed land from the Danvers Town line to Richardson's Dairy, more than **85% of this land** is restricted from development by the new Rivers Protection Act since it abuts or is in close proximity to the Ipswich River. The few parcels which may be suitable for commercial development are quite small (less than 6 acres), and many of these are on the market.

If the Town hopes to restore the balance between residential and commercial growth, it must change zoning to provide more suitable locations for business development. It was disappointing to witness the defeat of the creation of the General Commercial District along most of South Main Street at last year's Annual Town Meeting. Such a change would have become a very important first step in realigning the Town's zoning to accommodate non-residential development.

It costs the Town only about fifty cents of every dollar business pays in taxes to provide municipal services to them. This is because businesses do not produce children who attend schools, the cost of which is one half of the Town's budget. As a final reminder of how important balanced development is to Middleton, it is estimated that if business property had grown at the same rate as the residential sector, last year's tax rate increase would have been less than **4%** instead of 7.7% saving the average homeowner **\$100**.

### ***PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS***

This year has been extremely busy with so many important projects moving along at various stages. Here are the largest ones.



### ***Essex/Forest/North Main Street Signals***

The State Highway Department has approved the preliminary design plans for signalizing and reconstructing this dangerous intersection. With final approvals, state and federal grant funds will pay for all improvements. Historically the availability of these funds has taken one to three two years after design plans are completed. A public hearing was held in August to solicit comments from affected abutters and interested residents. Although warrants were not met for an additional signal at the Oak Knoll Housing entrance, the delays resulting from new signals at Forest Street will create a gap in traffic for these residents to use in exiting their property.

The Town's design engineering firm, Louis Berger Inc. has met with many of the abutters to explain some of the impacts on their property.

### ***Maple Street Reconstruction (Part 1 from Kenney Road to Danvers Town line)***

This project was awarded to Tropeano Inc. by the State Highway Department, with construction beginning in the spring of 1997. Almost two million dollars in state and federal grant funding will install new drainage, sidewalks, granite curbing, and roadways along Maple Street from the Danvers Town line to Kenney Road. At the Howe Station intersection, a distinct new "village" look will be created with traffic safety signals, the relocation of utility lines underground, and the erection of colonial style street lights very similar to improvements made in Middleton Square.

It bears repeating that much of the major aesthetic and safety improvements to be made at Howe Station are a result of the cooperative and diligent efforts of the Town's Light Department. Seven large unattractive utility poles will be removed and the huge jumble of overhead wires carrying phone, cable, electric, and fire alarm signals will be removed at nominal expense to electric customers. Most of the costs will be picked up by the state and federal grants through an allowance for pole relocation.

### ***Maple Street Part 2 (Kenney Road to Middleton Square)***

After receiving initial approvals from the State Highway Department, the 1996 Town Meeting authorized Middleton's share, (engineering and design funds) of undertaking improvements similar to the adjoining section of Maple Street currently under construction. Plans are expected to be completed by the end of 1997, which would allow this last portion to be rebuilt with granite curbing, and new sidewalks and drainage on Middleton's second busiest thoroughfare.

### ***Landfill Capping, Transfer Station and Soccer Field Construction***

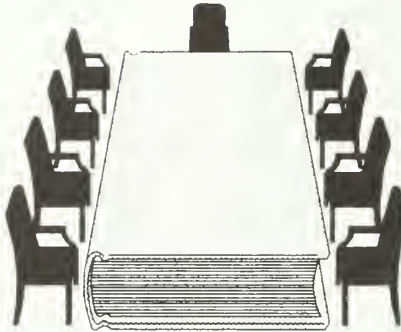
I am pleased to report that the Town was able to comply with the State Consent Decree to cap the landfill by the end of 1996. An impervious plastic liner was installed over the ten acre landfill with additional layers of sand and soil for sloping, drainage, and stabilization. A Proposition 2/1/2 Debt Exclusion was approved for this project at the 1996 Annual Town Meeting.

Besides the obvious cleanup of the entire 30 acre parcel, residents can look forward to more efficient trash removal and greatly expanded recycling, and two sorely needed soccer fields adjacent to the transfer station. Best of all there will be no more mud for pedestrian or vehicular traffic!

The Selectmen cut the ribbon at the opening of the new trash transfer station in the fall. The project came in a few months late, but within budget. Coupled with a 15 year contract between the Town and Odgen Martin System Inc. for the trash to be hauled to its burn plant in Haverhill, homeowners will have a safe, clean, cost effective and flexible disposal area for their trash and recycling well into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

### **Fuller Meadow School Renovation and Addition**

Construction was off to a quick start in the spring of 1996 following the contract award to the qualified low bidder, P.J. Stella Construction Inc. of Wakefield, MA. At this writing the firm is a few months ahead of schedule, which should easily enable the school addition to be opened in September of 1997 as planned. Other reports will detail the progress and intended uses of the new addition.



The State School Building Assistance Bureau has informed the Town that as of January 1, 1997, Middleton's project is now 33<sup>rd</sup> on the grant funding list and right on target for reimbursement as planned during Fiscal Year 2,000 in the amount of \$296,813 per year. This will help offset expected debt service costs of Masconomet's expansion.

### **Other Administrative Business**

The Board of Selectmen held and attended more than forty meetings to approve the weekly bills, resolve citizen complaints, conduct license and permit hearings, and review and formulate the municipal budget and all policy matters. In addition, joint meetings were held with the Finance Committee, School Committee, Conservation Commission, Board of Health, and Solid Waste Advisory Committee to work on common issues.

Representatives of the Selectmen also attended meetings of and participated in the Water Advisory Committee, Cable Advisory Committee, School Building Committees (local and Masco), Danvers State Hospital Task Force, River Street Committee, Scholarship Committee, Jail Liaison Committee, and Housing Partnership Committee.

In addition to the above some of the most time consuming and noteworthy activities of the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator during the year included:

- Held numerous special meetings to review the Fiscal Year 1996 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan, including an "all day" Saturday session to closely examine operating budgets.
- Held meetings with the Finance Committee on the implementation of E-911. After a Special Town Meeting in October voted to install E-911 at the Fire Station, plans were finalized to refurbish the watch room to accommodate the emergency console and update the communications equipment housed there.
- Administered the fourth year of a \$14,500 Essex Home Consortium Grant of federal funds. This program awards loans to low and moderate income homeowners to make life safety code repairs to their properties.
- Applied for a \$200,000 State Grant from the Department of Environmental Protection to use for loans to repair and bring failing septic systems into Title Five compliance. Said program is expected to be available to homeowners in the summer of 1997.
- Attended meetings of the Essex County Selectmen's Association. The interaction with area Selectmen allows Board members to compare neighboring community services and policies.



- Met with State Representative Brian Cresta and State Senator Bruce Tarr to support legislation in the best interest of the Town. Both individuals continue to show great interest in our community and have been extremely responsive to Middleton's needs and issues. A close eye is being kept on \$22 million authorization by the General Court for the expansion of the County Jail. Efforts will be made by our legislative delegation to minimize adverse impacts upon the neighborhood, overall water supply in the event of such expansion.
- Met with and supported the Planning Board's efforts to create a General Commercial District along South Main Street.
- Negotiated collective bargaining contracts for all labor unions striking a balance between the need to pay Middleton's hardworking and productive employees fair and affordable wages.
- Approved a 15 year contract between the Town and Ogden Martin Systems Inc. for the burning of the Town's trash at their plant in Haverhill. Said contract has a simple escalator clause that is tied to the National Consumer Price Index.
- Proposed to Boxford and Topsfield that the Masconomet Regional School Agreement be amended to adopt a five year average for calculating assessments to avoid the large single year fluctuations from enrollment changes.

- Proposed a Charter Amendment to change the quorum requirement for the Annual Town Meeting.
- Worked with the new Recreation Field Development Committee to prepare a long term plan for the construction of new athletic fields to accommodate the great increase in the number of children playing youth sports.

As I begin my fifteenth year as Town Administrator, I extend my sincere thanks and deep appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, my Administrative Secretary, department heads, employees, committee chairpersons, and residents of Middleton for their support, advice, ideas and good guidance.

It continues to be a pleasure to work with the many Middleton people who unselfishly contribute so much to the well being of this outstanding community.

Ira S. Singer  
Town Administrator

## **Board of Selectmen**

**James Hosman, Chairman**  
**Richard Ajootian**  
**Stephen Durham**  
**Nancy Jones**  
**Richard Kassiotis**

# **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**August 3, 1995**

Voters of the Town of Middleton met at the North Shore Technical High School Auditorium on August 3, 1995. Moderator Norman Nathan called the Meeting to order at 7:45 PM. and declared that a quorum was present. (The check-in list showed 213 voters were present.) Town Clerk Sarah George read the Return of Service of the Warrant showing that the Meeting had been duly called and the Warrant posted by Constable Robert Aldenberg on July 19, 1995. The six articles on the Warrant were then disposed of as follows:

**ARTICLE 1:** On petition of Joseph Tricca and more than 200 registered voters to see if the Town will vote to rescind Articles 7 & 8 (as defined below in this article) as approved at Annual Town Meeting, May 9, 1995; and to address whatever other business may be brought before the assembled body at the time of said meeting.

**ARTICLE 7:** On petition of the Board of Selectmen, Fire Chief, and Police Chief to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$152,000 to operate a new Independent and Combined Police and Fire Dispatch Center and place the Town's 911 Primary Answering Point (PSAP) at the Police Station. Said appropriation also adds 40 hours of call station duty to the Fire Department which allows the Town to provide three persons on duty response 24 hours a day seven days a week, and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation, by borrowing, by transfer from available funds, or by any combination thereof.)

**ARTICLE 8:** On petition of the Board of Selectmen, Fire Chief, and Police Chief to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$141,000 to build and install an Independent Dispatch Center with the emergency 911 console at the Police Station, including but not limited to, the purchase of all equipment needed to remote all functions of the fire alarm system, and all other repairs and renovations related to such installation; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or by any combination thereof.)

The Finance Committee reported that they did not recommend adoption of Article 1. After a presentation by Police Chief Robert Peachey and many questions and comments from the floor, a vote was taken by secret ballot. The vote was 131

Yes and 82 No. Articles 7 and 8 approved at the May 9, 1995 Annual Town Meeting are hereby rescinded.

**ARTICLE 2:** On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to rescind Article 9 approved at the Annual Town Meeting on May 9, 1995. Article 9 is reprinted below.

**ARTICLE 9:** On petition of the Fire Chief to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,000 to expand and retrofit the dispatch room at Fire Headquarters and to provide the capability of housing the Town's 911 Back Up Answering Point; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, or by any combination thereof.)

The Finance Committee recommended passage of Article 2. After a brief discussion, Article 2 was adopted by a unanimous voice vote. Article 9 approved by the Annual Town Meeting on May 9, 1995, is hereby rescinded.

**ARTICLE 3:** On petition of the Board of Selectmen, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,285 to add to the sum of \$147,795 appropriated at the 1995 Annual Town Meeting for Middleton's Fiscal 1996 Assessment (a total of \$155,080), for the North Shore Technical School; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of Article 3 with the \$7,285 to come from taxation. Article 3 was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

**ARTICLE 4:** On petition of the Board of Selectmen, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,300 to be used together with \$25,000 in grant funds from the Federal Crime Bill to hire the Town's eleventh permanent police officer to provide additional protection and coverage for the 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. shift; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, or by any combination thereof.

**Purpose:** The purpose of Article 4 is to correct the funding source for the Town's share of the new officer to be hired under the Federal Cops Fast

Grant Program. At the Annual Town Meeting on May 9, 1995, the Town's funding source was incorrectly identified as coming from the Federal Grant. The Town must provide local funds as a match to this program.

On the Finance Committee's recommendation, the Meeting voted unanimously to raise \$15,300 by taxation to fund Article 4.

**ARTICLE 5:** On petition of the Trustees of the Flint Public Library, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to make repairs to and refinish the front entrance to the Flint Public Library, and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended that Article 5 be passed with the \$3,000 to be raised by taxation. The motion carried unanimously.

**ARTICLE 6:** On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to support participation in the State-sponsored program for repairing and remedying failing residential subsurface sewage disposal systems, removing underground fuel storage tanks, and de-leading of dwellings with dangerous levels of lead.

**Purpose:** The purpose of Article 6 is to gauge interest in this new State-sponsored program which is intended to correct certain types of environmental hazards on residential properties.

The types of problems eligible for such funding are the repair or replacement of failing septic systems, the removal of underground fuel storage tanks, and the removal of dangerous levels of lead paint.

At a future Town Meeting, town officials may request an appropriation through borrowing to provide additional funds to increase the size of this program.

Only property owners whose properties are or may be the subject of enforcement proceedings by the Board of Health under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 111, Section 127B, may take advantage of this new law. If the Board of Health determines that a parcel of property qualifies under Section 127B, it may enter into an agreement with said property owner for the repayment of any money spent on the project.

All amounts spent shall be repaid as a betterment assessment which means the property owner will have up to twenty years to repay by having a portion added to each year's property tax bill, with interest. The amount is secured by a lien on the property and is a personal liability of the property owner.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of Article 6, and the Meeting voted to do so unanimously.

At 9:08 PM a motion from the floor to dissolve the Meeting was seconded and carried unanimously. The Moderator thanked those in attendance for coming out on a hot summer night.

Attest, a True Copy,

Sarah B. George  
Town Clerk



## **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

### **October 12, 1995, Adjourned to October 24, 1995**

When only 58 qualified voters of the Town of Middleton met at the North Shore Technical High School Gymnasium on October 12, 1995, the Meeting was adjourned, for lack of a quorum, to 7:30 PM on October 24, 1995.

On October 24, 1995, at the North Shore Technical High School Gymnasium, 112 qualified voters of the Town of Middleton met to consider the four articles on the Warrant. Moderator Norman Nathan called the Meeting to order at 7:45 PM. Town Clerk Sarah George read the Return of Service of the Warrant and the Return of Service of the Notice of Adjournment, showing that both had been posted at Memorial Hall, Fencroft Tower, the United States Post Office, Howe Station Market, and Fuller Pond Village. Town Constable Robert M. Aldenberg posted the Warrant on September 28, 1995, and the Notice of Adjournment on October 17 and 18, 1995. The Meeting proceeded to take the following action:

**ARTICLE 1:** On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$150,000 to be used together with \$450,000 raised at the 1994 Annual Town Meeting for the construction of a Transfer Station, including equipment and related site improvements; and to see if such funds shall be raised by taxation, by borrowing, by transfer from available funds, or by any combination thereof.

**PURPOSE OF ARTICLE 1:** The purpose of Article 1 is to raise additional funds to allow the Town to award a contract for the construction of a Transfer Station to be built next to the landfill which by Consent Decree with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts must close on January 1, 1996. At the Annual Town Meeting on May 10, 1994 voters approved construction of a Transfer Station by a margin of 82% to 18% over curbside collection. A healthy bidding climate and recovering economy, as well as additional construction requirements of the State Department of Environmental Protection have resulted in the lowest qualified bid exceeding the Town's available funding for this project.

The estimated annual costs of operating a Transfer Station are actually less than first projected in 1994, due to lower costs for disposing of our trash

out-of-town. The Town will also spend less than budgeted on transporting our trash to the burn plant if voters approve Article 2.

A trash fee is now scheduled to be assessed as of July 1, 1996. The Transfer Station is projected to be opened on April 1, 1996.

Chairman Robert Porteous gave the Finance Committee's recommendation that Article 1 be adopted with the funds to come from Free Cash. Mary Jane Morrin, Chairman of the Solid Waste Planning Committee, introduced the other members of the Committee – Robert Kelly, Henry Tragert, Charles Newhall, Robert Porteous, Dennis Roy, Leo Cormier, and Ira Singer – and gave a report on the Committee's work since May 1994, when the Town voted to build a Transfer Station. She then presented the Committee's strong recommendation that the Meeting adopt both Articles 1 and 2. After a question from the floor, there being no further discussion, the Meeting voted unanimously for this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 2:** On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$95,000 to purchase a new 10 wheel truck, (68,000 Gross Vehicle Weight), for the purpose of hauling trash from the Town's Transfer Station to a waste disposal facility; and to see if such funds shall be raised by taxation, by borrowing, by transfer from available funds, or by any combination thereof.

**PURPOSE OF ARTICLE 2:** The purpose of Article 2 is to raise funds to purchase a vehicle for the Department of Public Works to use in hauling the Town's trash to the disposal plant. Bids were solicited from private industry to haul our trash three days a week and the lowest bid received was \$321,000 over a five year period. The Solid Waste Advisory Committee then compared these costs to the Town buying and operating its own truck using DPW personnel.

Even after including the full costs of personnel and benefits, the Town would save more than \$70,000 over five years, and can safely assume a savings of more than twice that amount over the life expectancy of the truck.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of Article 2 with the \$95,000 to come from Free Cash. After a brief discussion, the motion to appropriate \$95,000 from Free Cash for this truck carried unanimously.

**ARTICLE 3:** On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,384 to add to the \$1,721,338 appropriated at the Annual Town Meeting for Middleton's Fiscal 1996 Assessment (a total of \$1,722,722) for the Masconomet Regional School District; and to see if such funds shall be raised by taxation, by borrowing, by transfer from available funds, or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended that Article 3 be adopted with the funds to be taken from taxation. There being no questions or comments when they were called for by the Moderator, a voice vote was taken and it was unanimous in favor of adopting Article 3.

**ARTICLE 4:** On petition of the Middleton School Committee to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,088 to be added to the FY 1996 School Budget to pay for the increased transportation costs resulting from the rebidding of the School Bus Contract and an increase in the number of students requiring transportation to the elementary schools; and to see if such funds shall be raised by taxation, by borrowing, by transfer from available funds, or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of Article 4 with the funds to be raised by taxation. The Meeting voted to do so unanimously.

There being no further business brought before the Meeting, it was moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to dissolve the Meeting at 8:00PM.

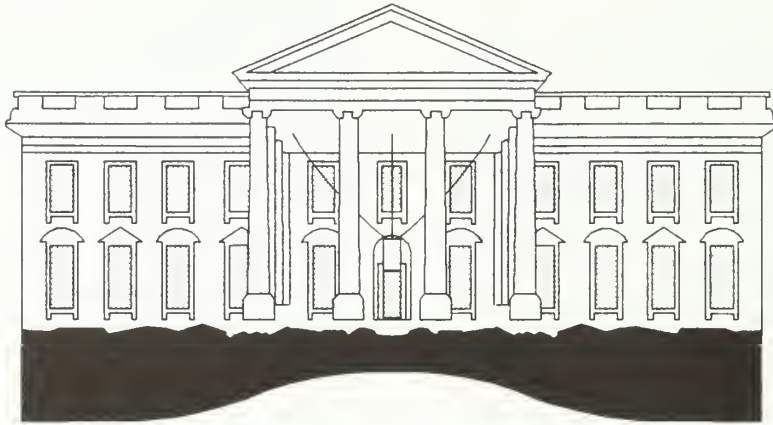
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Sarah B. George  
Town Clerk



# PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

March 5, 1996



The polls were opened at 7:00 AM by Warden Sandra Pollock and remained open until 8:00 PM. There were 3,485 registered voters at the close of registration before the election and 603 votes were cast—470 Republican, 129 Democratic, and 4 Libertarian. The results were as follows:

## REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

### PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

Richard G. Lugar.....	4
Morry Taylor.....	0
Phil Gramm.....	2
Patrick J. Buchanan.....	123
Bob Dole .....	199
Steve Forbes .....	79
Lamar Alexander .....	40
Alan Keyes.....	6
Robert K. Doman .....	0
No Preference.....	13
Blanks .....	4

### STATE COMMITTEE MAN

Dale C. Jenkins, Jr.....	239
E. Carl Dasch.....	103
Blanks .....	128

### STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

Nancy J. Luther .....	314
Blanks.....	156

### TOWN COMMITTEE

James V. Hannon, Jr.....	240
Karen J. Rodham .....	248
A. Stephen Inglis .....	229
A. David Rodham .....	245
Roger E. Drysdale .....	269
Karen J. Gemor.....	247
Grace I. Inglis .....	231
Arlene R. Kunz .....	248
Arete H. Pascucc.....	237
Patrick R. Langone.....	252
Dewey K. Lewis .....	236
Georgia D. Lewis.....	258
All Others.....	3
Blanks.....	13,507



## DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY ELECTION

### **PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE**

Bill Clinton .....	101
Lyndon H. LaRouche .....	3
No Preference .....	18
Blanks .....	7

### **STATE COMMITTEE MAN**

Jay J. Donovan .....	39
Stephen K. Walker .....	61
Blanks .....	29

### **STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN**

Carolyn J. Johnson .....	105
Blanks .....	24

### **TOWN COMMITTEE**

Joseph O. Hocter, Sr. ....	59
Mary C. Hocter .....	61
Alice D. Milbery .....	77
John W. Milbery .....	68
Shirley M. Raynard .....	84
Edward L. Raynard .....	78
William D. Raynard .....	65
Laura P. Michalski .....	75
Scott H. Lamkin .....	65
James M. Reynolds .....	64
Charles W. Newhall .....	75
Robert T. Peachey, Sr. ....	75
Betty M. Peachey .....	71
Caroline B. Tricca .....	71
Carol A. Crosscup .....	67
Nancy M. Jones .....	97
Carol A. Rourke .....	75
All Others .....	2
Blanks .....	3,286

## LIBERTARIAN PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

### **PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE**

Harry Browne .....	1
Rick Tompkins .....	0
Irwin Schiff .....	3
No Preference .....	0

### **STATE COMMITTEE MAN**

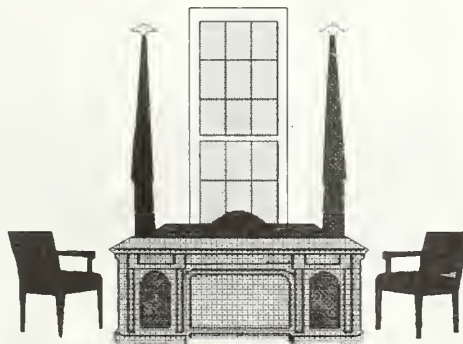
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### **TOWN COMMITTEE**

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# **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**May 14 and 16, 1996**

On Tuesday, May 14, 1996, voters of the Town of Middleton met in the North Shore Technical High School Gymnasium. Moderator Norman Nathan called the Meeting to order at 7:55 PM and announced that it was obvious that many more than a quorum were in attendance. Town Clerk Sarah George read the Return of Service of the Warrant showing that the Meeting had been duly called and that the Warrant had been posted at Memorial Hall, the Post Office, Ferncroft Tower, Howe Station Market and Fuller Pond Village by Constable Robert Aldenberg on April 30, 1996.

Boy Scout Troop 19 presented the colors and led the Meeting in saluting the flag.

The Moderator recognized Bernie Creedon, Assistant Superintendent of the Tri-Town School Union and Kathleen Lynch, Superintendent of the Masconomet Regional School District. The fifty-five articles of the Warrant were then disposed of as follows:

**ARTICLE 1:** To hear and act on Committee Reports.

James Hosman, Chairman, gave a report of the School Building Committee. He explained that the 14-classroom addition to the Fuller Meadow School has been under construction for several weeks and is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 1997.

Tom Skinner, Chairman of the Elementary School Committee, recognized and thanked Georgia Lewis, 10-year member of the Committee who is retiring this year.

Representative Brian Cresta read a citation from the Massachusetts House of Representatives congratulating Mrs. Lewis and thanking her for her years of service.

Bob Porteous, Chairman of the Finance Committee, pointed out that the Finance Committees' report and recommendations were included at the beginning of this year's warrant and that they include a new section explaining the reasons behind their votes, which were not all unanimous.

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time-to-time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1996 in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Meeting adopted Article 2 unanimously.

**ARTICLE 3:** The Town Consolidated Personnel Plan was adopted on May 9, 1995 and is printed for informational purposes only. No action is required on Article 3.

It is anticipated that a revised plan will be presented to a Special Town Meeting following the conclusion of collective bargaining negotiations within the next few months.



# TOWN OF MIDDLETON COMPENSATION PLAN FOR TOWN EMPLOYEES FISCAL YEAR 1996

Position/Title:	Proposed July 1, 1995:
Moderator	100/Yr.
Constable	100/Yr.
Superintendent of Burials	400/Yr.
Registrar of Voters	95/Election
Clerk-Registrar of Voters	175/Yr.
Selectman-Chairman	2,100/Yr.
Selectman	1,600/Yr.
School Committee-Chairman	750/Yr.
School Committee	600/Yr.
Assessor (each Member)	2,000/Yr.
Assessor Field Inspection	12/parcel
Stipend/Parcel (For Revaluation Purposes and Building Permits Only)	
Cable Television Technician	7.95/hr
<u>Secretary For:</u>	
Planning Board	75.00/mtg
Board of Appeals	75.00/mtg
Board of Health	75.00/mtg
Conservation Commission	75.00/mtg
Personnel Board	75.00/mtg
Finance Committee	75.00/mtg
Town Counsel	11,500/yr.
Town Clerk	27,244/yr*
Custodian	7.93/hr
Census Workers	1,050/yr.
Poll Workers - Officers	7.14/hr
Poll Workers - Tellers	6.09/hr
Veteran's Agent	6,713/yr

\*FY96 salary represents an additional 5 hours per week for a total of 30 hours/week

<b>Position/Title:</b>	<b>Proposed July 1, 1995:</b>
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Department of Public Works:

Superintendent of Public Works	47,831/yr
FY 96 Range of \$41,563/yr.-\$47,831/yr	
Water Department Management	3,000/yr
Stipend	
DPW Foreman	14.73/hr
Water Department Foreman	12.50/hr
Emergency Call Wages	110.00/wk
Part Time CDL Plow/Sander	15.00/hr
Operator	
Part-Time Truck Driver	8.50/hr
Part-Time Laborer	7.21/hr

Inspections Department:

Gas/Plumbing Inspector	6,232/yr
Wiring Inspector	8,838/yr
Alternate Building Inspector	15.59/hr
Building Inspector	41,037/yr
FY96 Range of \$33,949/yr. -\$41,037/yr	
Animal Control Officer	11,196/yr
Health Agent	40,324/yr
FY96 Range of \$37,289/yr. -\$40,324/yr	
Landfill Gate Attendant	8.79/hr
Landfill Monitors	8.79/hr

Finance/Administration

Town Administrator	55,901/yr
FY96 range of \$51,201/yr - \$55,901/yr	
Administrative Secretary	28,222/yr
FY96 range of \$24,720/yr - \$28,222/yr	
Town Accountant	39,720/yr
FY96 range of \$35,404/yr - \$39,720/yr	

**Position/Title:****Proposed  
July 1, 1995:**

Treasurer/Collector 36,421/yr  
FY96 range of \$32,464/yr - \$36,421/yr

Assessor/Appraiser 40,552/yr  
FY96 range of \$37,864/yr - \$40,552/yr

Independent Dispatch Center

Dispatch Center Director 31,500/yr  
Full time Dispatcher 11.00/hr  
Part time Dispatcher 10.50/hr

Fire Department Stipends:

Drillmaster 50/yr  
Mechanic 520/yr  
Fire Prevention Officer 520/yr

Recreation Department

Summer Recreation Program:  
Program Director 12.15/hr  
Program Assistant 8.52/hr  
Recreation Assistants 5.79/hr

Crossing Guard 71.58/wk

Library:

Library Director 20,600/yr  
FY96 range of \$18,025/yr - \$20,600/yr

Assistant Director  
Step I 8.98/hr  
Step 2 (6 months) 9.64/hr  
Step 3 (18 months) 10.25/hr  
Step 4 (30 months) 10.65/hr  
Step 5 (54 months) 10.86/hr

**Position/Title:****Proposed  
July 1, 1995:**

Adult Services Librarian  
Children's Librarian  
Reference Librarian

Step 1	8.67/hr
Step 2 (6 months)	9.33/hr
Step 3 (18 months)	9.84/hr
Step 4 (30 months)	10.22/hr
Step 5 (54 months)	10.42/hr

Clerk Typist/Page	7.00/hr
Page	5.68/hr
Custodian	6,189/yr

**Council On Aging**

Program Director	9,300/hr
FY96 range of \$7,957/yr - \$9,300/yr	

Meal Site Coordinator	8.25/hr
Council On Aging Driver	9.98/hr
Medical Transportation Drivers	6.33/hr

**ARTICLE 4:** On Petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to fix the compensation of elected officers; to determine whether any Town Board shall be authorized to employ for additional salary or compensation any of its members; provide for a reserve fund; and to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriation from interest for the ensuing twelve months. The following pages constitute the detail of this article.



NUMBER		APPROVED	APPROVED	DEPARTMENT	SELECTMEN &
		FY 85	FY86	REQUEST	FIN/COM 1987
				FY87	RECOMMENDATION

**FUND: 01 GENERAL FUND**

**FUNCTION 100: GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Department #114 TOWN MODERATOR

5100	Personal Services	100	100	100	100
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100

Department #122 SELECTMEN/ADMINISTRATOR

5100	Personal Services	92,173	95,023	95,023	95,023
5200	Purchase of Services	16,950	17,050	17,050	17,050
5400	Purchase of Supplies	1,240	1,400	1,400	1,400
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	30,930	31,330	31,330	31,330
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$141,293	\$144,803	\$144,803	\$144,803

Department #131 FINANCE COMMITTEE

5100	Personal Services	859	900	900	900
5200	Purchase of Services	115	115	115	115
5400	Purchase of Supplies	100	100	100	100
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	40,150	40,150	40,150	40,150
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$41,224	\$41,265	\$41,265	\$41,265

Department #135 TOWN ACCOUNTANT

5100	Personal Services	45,558	48,565	48,565	48,565
5200	Purchase of Services	2,090	2,270	2,270	2,270
5400	Purchase of Supplies	600	600	600	600
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	225	225	225	225
5800	Capital Outlay	150	150	150	150
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$48,623	\$51,810	\$51,810	\$51,810

Department #141 ASSESSORS

5100	Personal Services	69,114	73,071	73,071	73,071
5200	Purchase of Services	7,960	8,060	8,060	8,060
5400	Purchase of Supplies	1,350	1,350	1,350	1,350
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	2,000	2,300	2,300	2,300
5800	Capital Outlay				
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$80,424	\$84,781	\$84,781	\$84,781

Department #145 TREASURER/COLLECTOR

5100	Personal Services	77,795	82,082	83,582	83,582
5200	Purchase of Services	11,050	11,700	12,300	12,300
5400	Purchase of Supplies	2,200	2,500	2,750	2,750
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	425	425	425	425
5800	Capital Outlay	0	500	700	700
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$91,470	\$97,207	\$99,757	\$99,757

Department #146 CUSTODIAN OF TOWN LANDS

5100	Personal Services			\$1,500	1500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$0	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500

NUMBER		APPROVED	APPROVED	DEPARTMENT	SELECTMEN &
		FY 85	FY86	REQUEST	FINCOM 1987
				FY87	RECOMMENDATION

Department #151 TOWN COUNSEL

5100	Personal Services	11,000	11,500	11,500	11,500
5200	Purchase of Services	8,000	8,500	8,500	8,500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$19,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000

Department #152 PERSONNEL BOARD

5100	Personal Services	573	600	600	600
5200	Purchase of Services				
5400	Purchase of Supplies	80	80	80	80
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	20	20	20	20
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$673	\$700	\$700	\$700

Department #161 TOWN CLERK

5100	Personal Services	31,342	39,291	39,519	39,519
5200	Purchase of Services	2,060	2,200	2,200	2,200
5400	Purchase of Supplies	850	850	850	850
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	100	400	400	400
5800	Capital Outlay	1,800	1,500	1,500	1,500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$36,152	\$44,241	\$44,469	\$44,469

Department #162 ELECTIONS/ REGISTRATIONS

5100	Personal Services	7,765	6,285	7,665	7,665
5200	Purchase of Services	3,200	3,500	4,775	4,775
5400	Purchase of Supplies	550	450	550	550
5800	Capital Outlay	0	1,200	0	0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$11,515	\$11,435	\$12,990	\$12,990

Department #171 CONSERVATION COMMISSION

5100	Personal Services	1,432	3,330	3,300	3,300
5200	Purchase of Services	550	750	900	900
5400	Purchase of Supplies	60	100	200	200
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	150	350	450	450
5800		100			
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$2,292	\$4,530	\$4,850	\$4,850

Department #175 PLANNING BOARD

5100	Personal Services	8,518	8,980	8,980	8,980
5200	Purchase of Services	1,950	2,350	2,350	2,350
5400	Purchase of Supplies	450	500	500	500
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	915	915	915	915
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$11,833	\$12,745	\$12,745	\$12,745

NUMBER		APPROVED	APPROVED	DEPARTMENT	SELECTMEN &
		FY 86	FY86	REQUEST	FIN/COM 1997
				FY87	RECOMMENDATION

Department #176 BOARD OF APPEALS

5100	Personal Services	6,455	6,725	6,725	6,725
5200	Purchase of Services	2,900	2,800	2,800	2,800
5400	Purchase of Supplies	100	200	200	200
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	60	60	60	60

DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$9,515	\$9,785	\$9,785	\$9,785
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Department #181 INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

5200	Purchase of Services	100	100	100	100
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DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
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Department #192 TOWN BUILDINGS

5100	Personal Services	4,400	4,600	4,600	4,600
5200	Purchase of Services	25,950	25,950	25,950	25,950
5400	Purchase of Supplies	5,900	6,100	6,100	6,100
5800	Capital Outlay		600	600	600

DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$36,250	\$37,250	\$37,250	\$37,250
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FUNCTION 100

<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>		<b>\$530,464</b>	<b>\$560,752</b>	<b>\$566,905</b>	<b>\$566,905</b>
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FUNCTION 200: PUBLIC SAFETY

Department #210 POLICE DEPARTMENT

5100	Personal Services	532,761	548,002	561,917	561,917
5200	Purchase of Services	41,530	48,253	50,033	50,033
5400	Purchase of Supplies	16,360	18,885	19,375	19,375
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	14,750	14,885	16,960	16,960
5800	Capital Outlay	35,000	17,500	28,000	28,000

DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$640,401	\$647,525	\$676,285	\$676,285
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Department #220 FIRE DEPARTMENT

5100	Personal Services	529,173	558,342	591,414	566,454
5200	Purchase of Services	27,300	28,700	31,000	31,000
5400	Purchase of Supplies	19,785	21,985	22,200	22,200
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	2,950	2,950	3,550	3,550
5800	Capital Outlay	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500

DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$580,708	\$613,477	\$649,664	\$624,704
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NUMBER		APPROVED FY 95	APPROVED FY96	DEPARTMENT REQUEST FY97	SELECTMEN & FIN/COM 1997 RECOMMENDATION
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Department #241 INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT

5100	Personal Services	55,658	58,607	59,107	59,107
5200	Purchase of Services	2,140	2,339	2,439	2,439
5400	Purchase of Supplies	450	500	500	500
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	5,530	6,130	6,373	6,373
5800	Capital Outlay	1,000		850	850

DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$64,778	\$67,576	\$69,269	\$69,269
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Department #291 CIVIL DEFENSE

5200	Purchase of Services	100	100	100	100
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DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
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Department #292 ANIMAL CONTROL

5100	Personal Services	14,265	11,196	11,196	11,196
5200	Purchase of Services	4,700	4,000	4,000	4,000
5400	Purchase of Supplies	725	725	725	725
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800

DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$21,490	\$17,721	\$17,721	\$17,721
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Department #296 TOWN CONSTABLE

5100	Personal Services	100	100	100	100
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DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
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FUNCTION 200

TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		\$1,307,577	\$1,346,499	\$1,413,139	\$1,388,179
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FUNCTION 300: EDUCATION

Department #301 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

5100	Personal Services	1,509,474	1,731,575	1,917,914	1,917,914
5200	Purchase of Services	326,605	330,377	396,590	396,590
5400	Purchase of Supplies	112,852	101,001	119,326	119,326
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	25,453	82,414	72,773	72,773
5800	Capital Outlay	2,065		134,000	134,000

DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$1,976,449	\$2,245,367	\$2,640,603	\$2,640,603
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\*See Unclassified Budget line 914 for one time transfer to cover health insurance costs.

Department #302 MASCONOMET SCHOOL DISTRICT

5600	Intergovernmental Payments (Middleton's Assessment)	1,634,632	1,721,338	1,958,757	1,958,757 **
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DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$1,634,632	\$1,721,338	\$1,958,757	\$1,958,757
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FUNCTION 300 \*

TOTAL SCHOOL DEPARTMENT		\$3,611,081	\$3,966,705	\$4,599,360	\$4,599,360
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\* Does not include North Shore Technical School Budget contained in Article 7.

\*\*Fin. Com supports total Masconomet Operating Budget, but recommends Middleton Assessment be reduced by \$6,041 through increased transfer from surplus account.



NUMBER	APPROVED FY 95	APPROVED FY 96	DEPARTMENT REQUEST FY 97	SELECTMEN & FINCOM 1997 RECOMMENDATION
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### FUNCTION 400: PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES

#### Department #420 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

5100	Personal Services	286,866	325,277	360,919	360,919
5200	Purchase of Services	61,600	67,600	79,750	79,750
5400	Purchase of Supplies	114,250	122,050	133,150	133,150
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	22,250	22,300	25,300	25,300
5800	Capital Outlay	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$534,966	\$587,227	\$649,119	\$649,119

#### FUNCTION 400

TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	\$534,966	\$587,227	\$649,119	\$649,119
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### FUNCTION 500: HUMAN SERVICES

#### Department #511 BOARD OF HEALTH

5100	Personal Services	72,808	75,951	69,030	69,030
5200	Purchase of Services	9,250	9,450	9,600	9,600
5400	Purchase of Supplies	900	1,000	900	900
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	135,650	176,650	158,150	158,150
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$218,608	\$263,051	\$237,680	\$237,680

#### Department #541 COUNCIL ON AGING

5100	Personal Services	45,339	47,570	47,570	47,570
5200	Purchase of Services	4,060	4,260	4,260	4,260
5400	Purchase of Supplies	1,720	1,920	1,920	1,920
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	3,200	3,400	3,400	3,400
5800	Capital Outlay	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$55,519	\$58,350	\$58,350	\$58,350

#### Department #543 VETERAN'S AGENT

5100	Personal Services	6,517	6,713	6,713	6,713
5200	Purchase of Services	105	105	105	105
5400	Purchase of Supplies	170	170	170	170
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	12,550	6,550	6,550	6,550
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$19,342	\$13,538	\$13,538	\$13,538

#### Department #545 TRI-TOWN COUNCIL

5200	Purchase of Services	10,450	10,816	11,141	11,141
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$10,450	\$10,816	\$11,141	\$11,141

#### Department #546 HELP FOR ABUSED WOMEN

5200	Purchase of Services	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000

#### Department #547 HANDI-RIDE PROGRAM

5200	Purchase of Services	3,000	1,500	0	0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$3,000	\$1,500	\$0	\$0

NUMBER		APPROVED FY 95	APPROVED FY96	DEPARTMENT REQUEST FY97	SELECTMEN & FIN/COM 1997 RECOMMENDATION
Department #548 MIDDLETON GARDEN CLUB					
5200	Purchase of Services	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Department #549 LOCAL CABLE BROADCASTS					
5200	Purchase of Services	2,000	2,500	2,500	2,500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$2,000	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Department #550 NORTH SHORE TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE					
5200	Purchase of Services	500	500	500	500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
FUNCTION 500					
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES		\$311,919	\$352,755	\$326,209	\$326,209
FUNCTION 600: CULTURE AND RECREATION					
Department #610 FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY					
5100	Personal Services	105,870	115,062	120,315	120,315
5200	Purchase of Services	14,980	15,180	15,180	15,180
5400	Purchase of Supplies	36,100	40,500	42,600	42,600
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	800	800	800	800
5800	Capital Outlay	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$159,250	\$173,042	\$180,395	\$180,395
Department #630 RECREATION COMMISSION					
5100	Personal Services	4,749	4,892	4,892	4,892
5200	Purchase of Services	4,750	5,850	5,850	5,850
5400	Purchase of Supplies	750	750	750	750
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,800
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$15,049	\$16,292	\$16,292	\$16,292
Department #691 HISTORICAL COMMISSION					
5200	Purchase of Services	300	300	300	300
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
FUNCTION 600					
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION		\$174,599	\$189,634	\$196,987	\$196,987
FUNCTION 700: DEBT SERVICE					
Department #710 DEBT SERVICE					
5801	Principal	125,000	125,000	295,000	295,000
5915	Interest	50,400	184,674	330,854	330,854
FUNCTION 700					
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE		\$175,400	\$309,674	\$625,854	\$625,854

NUMBER		APPROVED	APPROVED	DEPARTMENT	SELECTMEN &
		FY 85	FY86	REQUEST	FIN/COM 1987
				FY87	RECOMMENDATION

# FUNCTION UNCLASSIFIED

Department: MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

195	Town Report	6,500	7,000	11,500	11,500
196	Audit	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000
197	Xmas Lights	350	350	350	350
199	Street Lights	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
692	Memorial Day	2,500	2,500	3,000	3,000
911	Retirement	215,000	224,000	244,000	244,000
913	Unemployment	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
914	Sick Leave	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
914	Health Insurance*	265,000	325,000	168,000	168,000
915	Group Insurance	2,000	2,200	3,500	3,500
916	Medicare Payroll Tax	18,000	24,500	26,000	26,000
945	Liability & Work	118,000	100,000	106,000	106,000
	Comp. Insurance				

<b>TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED</b>	<b>\$896,350</b>	<b>\$754,580</b>	<b>\$631,350</b>	<b>\$631,350</b>
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<b>TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b>\$7,342,356</b>	<b>\$8,067,796</b>	<b>\$9,008,923</b>	<b>\$8,983,963</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND 01</b>				

\*\*The FY97 appropriation of \$168,000 does not include school employee health insurance costs. This sum is substantially lower than the \$325,000 raised in FY96 because \$134,000 has been transferred from line 914 to the local school budget on page 10 (Dept. #301, Line 5700, Other Charges and Expenses) to pay these employee benefits directly out of the school budget.



NUMBER		APPROVED	APPROVED	DEPARTMENT	SELECTMEN &
		FY 95	FY96	REQUEST	FIN/COM 1997
				FY97	RECOMMENDATION

**FUND: 28 WATER DEPARTMENT**

**FUNCTION 400: WATER SPECIAL REVENUE**

Department #451 WATER DEPARTMENT

5100	Personal Services	2,000	29,000	29,000	29,000
5200	Purchase of Services	500	600	750	750
5400	Purchase of Supplies	16,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	600	650	500	500
5800	Capital Outlay	0	1,000	0	0
5900	Debt Service	78,340	38,783	27,738	27,738

<b>TOTAL WATER FUND 28</b>		<b>\$97,440</b>	<b>\$90,033</b>	<b>\$77,988</b>	<b>\$77,988</b>
<b>OPERATING BUDGET</b>					

**ARTICLE 4:**

The Finance Committee recommended the adoption of Article 4. Chairman Porteous recommended that the Fund 1 or General Fund portion of Article 4 be funded by appropriating to Dept. 220 \$9,000 from Fire Alarm Fees and \$30,000 from the Ambulance Fund, by appropriating to Dept 541 \$16,500 from meal/Trip Fees and N.S.E.S. Grant, and by appropriating to the Operating Budget \$5,000 from the Ferncroft fund and \$8,923,963 from the Tax Levy. The Total Operating Budget for the General Fund is \$8,983,963 which includes an increase of \$13,759 in the Dept. 302 Masconomet School District budget over what is printed in the Warrant. Mr. Porteous also recommended that in the Fund 28 or Water Fund portion of Article 4 that \$77,988 be appropriated to Dept. 451 from Water Receipts for a Total Operating Budget Water Fund of \$77,988.

Fire Chief Michalski made a motion to amend Department 220, Line 5100 to \$591,414 which would bring the department total to \$649,664. His motion was seconded from the floor. This would increase call hours for life support and fire coverage during the day. A hand vote was taken on the amendment of 104 Yes and 142 No. the amendment was not adopted.

Bill Fox of Liberty Street questioned why there was such a big increase in the Debt Service (Dept 710). Ira Singer, Town Administrator, explained that this is primarily due to the first year of the debt service for the Fuller Meadow School bond issue of \$363,000. Also included in the total is \$164,000 for Howe-Manning School. the remaining \$98,560 is spread between the anticipated interest on the landfill capping which, if Article 54 is adopted, will give us short term interest costs of \$30,000, and \$68,508 for the first year of debt service on the Transfer Station.

Article 4 was adopted on a voice vote.



Moderator Nathan announced that it is anticipated that the Meeting will likely have to be adjourned to a second night in order not to meet past 10:30 or 11:00 PM and that the second night would be Thursday, May 16, same time, same place.

**ARTICLE 5:** On petition of the Masconomet Regional School Committee to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to fund a feasibility study for an addition to and renovation of the existing Junior/Senior High School of the Masconomet Regional School District or take any other action relative thereto; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended that \$11,220 be appropriated to fund the Masconomet feasibility study and that this sum be taken from the Tax Levy. The motion carried on a voice vote.

**ARTICLE 6:** On petition of the Town of Middleton to see if the Town will vote to accept the proposal of the Masconomet Regional School District voted on January 17, 1996 to amend the Agreement establishing the Masconomet Regional School District by deleting Section 1 in its entirety and substituting the following:

#### SECTION 1

The Regional District School Committee

##### A. Powers, Duties and Composition:

The powers and duties of the Regional School District shall be vested in and exercised by the Regional School District Committee sometimes called the Committee. The Committee shall consist of Thirteen (13) members; four (4) from Middleton; four (4) from Topsfield; and five (5) from Boxford.

##### B. Interim Committee:

Within 30 days after the passage of this Amendment to the Masconomet Regional School District Agreement by the member towns, an interim Committee will be established which will consist of the four elected members from the Town of Topsfield; the four elected members from the Town of Boxford plus one member from the Town of Boxford appointed by

the Selectmen of the Town of Boxford and the remaining interim Committee members from Boxford, said appointed member to serve until the next annual election; the three elected members from the Town of Middleton plus one member from the Town of Middleton appointed by the Selectmen of the Town of Middleton and the remaining interim Committee members from Middleton, said appointed member to serve until the next annual election.

##### C. Elected Members:

At the annual Town elections in 1997 each Town shall elect members of the Committee. All elected members of the interim Committee shall continue to serve out their terms on the Committee. The Town of Boxford shall elect one additional member of the School Committee to replace the appointed member for a three year term. The Town of Middleton shall elect one additional member to replace the appointed member for a three year term. At the expiration of the term of office of each elected member the member town shall, at its annual election, elect a member to serve for a term of three years or until his or her successor is elected and qualified.

##### D. Vacancies:

If a vacancy occurs among the members, the Selectmen and the remaining Committee members from the town concerned shall appoint a member to serve until the next annual election, at which election a successor shall be elected to serve for the balance of the unexpired term, if any.

##### E. Quorum:

The quorum of the Committee for the transaction of business shall be a majority of the entire membership, but a lesser number may adjourn.

##### F. Organization:

Promptly upon the appointment and qualification of the initial members and annually thereafter upon the election or appointment and qualification of successors, the Committee shall organize and choose by ballot a chairman from its own membership. At the same meeting or at any other meeting the Committee shall appoint a treasurer and secretary who may be the same

person but who need not be members of the Committee, choose such other officers as it deems advisable, determine the terms of office of its officers (except the Chairman who shall be elected annually as provided above) and prescribe the powers and duties of any of its officers, fix the time and place for its regular meetings, and provide for the calling of special meetings.

The Finance Committee recommended that this be referred to the School Committee for recommendation. It was moved and seconded from the floor that Article 6 be adopted. Susan Richardson of the Masconomet School Committee recommended the article to ensure that the three member towns have proportionately correct representation according to their population. This would increase the total Committee from 11 members (3 from Middleton, 4 from Topsfield and 4 from Boxford) to 13 members (4 from Middleton, 4 from Topsfield and 5 from Boxford). The recommended change results from rapid growth in Middleton and Boxford, but not Topsfield. Article 6 was adopted on a unanimous voice vote.

**ARTICLE 7:** On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to approve the Fiscal Year 1997 Gross Operating and Maintenance Budget in the amount of \$5,542,691 of the North Shore Technical School District and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$136,821 for the Town's Assessment for said District; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Meeting voted to appropriate \$136,821 from the Tax Levy to pay the Town's assessment for the North Shore Technical School District.

**ARTICLE 8:** On petition of the Board of Health to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the support of various community health services and clinics including but not limited to: nursing visits, periodic blood pressure clinics, communicable disease control programs, health assessment clinics and visits, health information and referral services, and health educational programs, said sum to be expended at the discretion of and under the direction and control of the Board of Health; and to see if such

funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended that Article 8 be adopted with the \$5,000 to come from the Tax Levy. The motion carried.

**ARTICLE 9:** On petition of the Board of Assessors to see if the Town will vote to increase the qualifying gross receipts from \$20,000 to \$30,000 of persons at least 65 years old for real property tax exemptions pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41A of the Massachusetts General Laws.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of Article 9 and explained that this is a tax deferral. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**ARTICLE 10:** On petition of the Board of Assessors to see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17D of the Massachusetts General Laws which provides for the exclusion of the total value of the property in the calculations of the qualifying limits for exemptions of a surviving spouse.

The Finance Committee recommended that the Town accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17D which provides tax abatement for qualifying elders and minors. The Meeting voted to do so unanimously.

**ARTICLE 11:** On petition of the Inspector of Buildings to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500 to employ alternate and local inspectors according to 780 CMR of the Massachusetts State Building Code to assist the Inspector of Buildings during periods of increased building construction as determined by the Board of Selectmen, such funds to be raised from construction permit fees.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Meeting voted to adopt Article 11 with the \$8,500 to come from construction permit fees.

**ARTICLE 12:** On petition of the Conservation Commission to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to employ a part-time Conservation Agent to assist the Conservation Commission during periods of

increased construction which affect wetlands, such funds to be raised from construction permit fees.

The Finance Committee recommended passage of Article 12 with the funds to come from construction fees. A voice vote was taken, and the moderator declared that the motion had not carried. Robert Aldenberg challenged the vote. A handcount was taken and the vote was found to be 152 Yes and 136 No. Article 12 was adopted.

**ARTICLE 13:** On petition of the Superintendent of the Division of Public Works to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to make improvements in Oakdale Cemetery and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Meeting voted to appropriate this money with the funding source to be split: \$5,000 from Free Cash and \$5,000 from the Cemetery Endowment Fund.

**ARTICLE 14:** On petition of the Superintendent of the Division of Public Works to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,500 to purchase an engineering plan printer/copier in accordance with specifications to be set forth by the Superintendent of the Division of Public Works; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended the purchase of this copier with funds to be raised by taxation. A voice vote was taken, but the Moderator declared it too close to call. On a handcount the vote was shown to be 118 Yes and 143 No. Article 14 was not adopted.

**ARTICLE 15:** On petition of the Superintendent of the Division of Public Works to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$49,000 to be used in addition to the trade in or sale value of the 1988 Case (Model 580K) backhoe for the purchase of one new backhoe, in accordance with specifications to be set forth by the Superintendent of the Division of Public Works; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended the passage of this article with the \$49,000 to be raised

from the Tax Levy. The voice vote being close, a handcount was taken. The results were: 105 Yes and 157 No. The motion did not carry.

**ARTICLE 16:** On petition of the Superintendent of the Division of Public Works to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for new sidewalk construction on Maple Street from Liberty Street to Kenney Road; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended that the Town appropriate \$30,000 from Free Cash to construct the sidewalk on Maple Street from Liberty Street to Kenney Road. Town Administrator Ira Singer spoke in favor of the appropriation. He pointed out that this represents a second year of sidewalk construction funding for Maple Street. Last year we voted \$30,000 which will be used with this sum, if approved, to extend the sidewalk on Maple Street from the Congregational Church to Liberty Street. This article would then take it from Liberty Street to Kenney Road. The state and federally-funded reconstruction of Maple Street from the Ipswich River Bridge to the Danvers town line will automatically provide a new sidewalk for that portion. The Meeting voted to adopt Article 16.

**ARTICLE 17:** On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 2, Section 2-2-2 of the Town Charter (Composition, Quorum, Adjournment) by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following new section

"The quorum necessary for the conduct of business may be established by By-law, but a quorum shall not be less than five registered voters of the Town."

The Finance Committee recommended acceptance of this quorum change, although they reported that their vote to do so was not unanimous. Bill Fox, Melanie Nash, and Dick Ajootian spoke against the change, Patrick Langone spoke in favor. A brief history of the issue was presented by Rick Kassiotis. When the voice vote was taken, the motion did not carry.

**ARTICLE 18:** On petition of the Superintendent of Public Works and the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to fund the architectural, designer and engineering services, and related expenses to



prepare plans for the expansion and renovation of the DPW Garage and Offices at 195 North Main Street; and to see if such funds will be raised by transfer from the funds raised by Article 24 of the 1995 Annual Town Meeting. (On May 9, 1995 \$25,000 was raised for the purchase of an equipment storage building.)

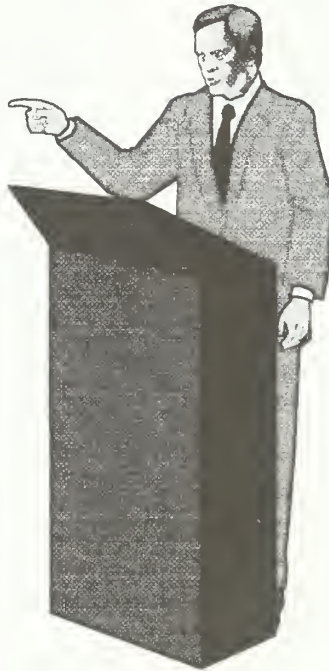
The Finance Committee recommended that the Meeting adopt this article. Chairman Porteous explained that the building for which the 1995 appropriation was intended (a storage shed to be built jointly with the Electric Light Department) could not be built because that area of the lot had been a former landfill. Dennis Roy, Superintendent of the Department of Public Works, reported that the increasing needs of his department for garage and storage space necessitated a close look at the overall picture, rather than adding outbuildings piecemeal. In response to numerous questions from the floor, he explained that the expansion proposed would probably be up. The maximum that the footprint could be enlarged would be one or two more garage bays. By building up, the offices that currently take up about one third of the first floor could be moved upstairs and the entire first floor could be garage space. He and Ira Singer explained that it is not possible to know the construction costs for the expansion that this study would recommend. It was recommended from the floor that we seek proposals for these plans before appropriating the money. After still more discussion a vote was taken by a showing of hands, and the results were 104 Yes, 169 No. The money was not appropriated.

**ARTICLE 19:** On petition of the Selectmen, and Superintendent of Public Works to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to replace the existing Transite Concrete water line servicing the Fuller Meadow School from South Main Street to the school, and to extend said line to Edgewood Road; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended that Article 19 be adopted with the money to come from debt service for the Water Fund. Finance Committee

Chairman Bob Porteous explained that this project will eventually qualify for 63% reimbursement from the State. There were quite a few questions from the floor in response to which it was explained that this is the last piece of asbestos pipe left in Middleton and that it should be replaced to assure long-term water quality. Bob Aldenberg pointed out that the proposed link with Edgewood Road is very important for public safety because it will provide a

second source of water for the school's sprinkler system. Dennis Roy stated that underground water flow into the Brigadoon area should not be increased by this project, but that the pipe could be laid in an impervious material such as clay if such a problem were to be anticipated. When a vote was called for, the motion carried unanimously.



**ARTICLE 20:** On petition of the Middleton Planning Board to see if the Town will vote to amend the Middleton Zoning By-Law by adding to Section 4 - Use Regulation, the following section to be identified as the GC - General Commercial District.

The area to be designated as a G.C. Zoning District is the same district currently zoned M-1 and B and is described as follows:

Generally both sides of South Main Street (Rte. 114) from the Danvers town line, northerly through the areas currently zoned B and M-1. On the westerly side of South Main Street all the parcels currently zoned B and M-1 and on the easterly side of South Main Street all the parcels currently zoned M-1.

The area proposed as the GC zone is specifically described in Attachment 1, Schedule of Parcels.

#### Section 4.14 GC - GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

Is intended for retail, consumer services, offices, general business and light industrial uses.

##### 4.14.1. Permitted Uses:

(With Site Plan Approval - Section 8.1)

- A. All religious, non-profit educational, public utility and agricultural uses permitted in the R-1a and R-1b Districts, subject to the



same regulations and procedures as prescribed for such use in the R-1a and R-1b Districts.

- B. Retail store, service establishment, or shopping center.
- C. Business or professional office, or bank.
- D. Restaurant or other place for serving food, provided that no mechanical or live entertainment is regularly furnished except where authorized by the Board of Appeals. The serving of food or drink to persons seated in motor vehicles, or on foot, outside of any building or through openings in the exterior walls of a building shall not be permitted.
- E. Manufacturing of light industrial products, machine shops, light woodworking and furniture manufacturing, shop of carpenter, painter, printer or similar craftsmen.
- F. An industrial park, subject to the same regulations and procedures as prescribed for such use in the M-1 District, Section 4.6.1,B.
- G. Funeral homes
- H. Parking area or garage for use of employees, customers, or visitors under the conditions specified in Section 6.2 and 8.1 for approval of site plan, etc.
- I. Accessory buildings, indoor storage and other accessory uses customarily incidental to permitted uses.

#### 4.14.2. Allowed by Special Permit:

By the Board of Appeals as provided in Section 11 below, the following:

- A. Hotel, motel, or inn
- B. Repair shop for appliances and other light equipment.
- C. Medical center, clinic or medical lab.
- D. Commercial amusement enterprises such as bowling, dance hall, theater, clock golf, skating, and similar enterprises, provided

that if any portion of the building so used or of any parking area accessory thereto is less than 200 feet from the boundary of a Residence district, the Board shall impose such limitations on the size or capacity of the establishment and hours of operation as are, in its judgement necessary to protect the Residential District.

- E. Gasoline service station provided that repairs shall be limited to minor changes and adjustments and that gasoline pumps and equipment shall be located so that vehicles to be serviced are entirely upon the service station lot (located not closer than 2,000 feet to an existing gasoline station).
- F. Repair shop for autos (located not closer than 2,000 feet from an existing auto repair shop).
- G. Storage of fuel supplies and products as an accessory use only under the following appropriate conditions. All hazardous materials and petroleum products shall be stored in free standing containers inside the building or outside above ground with secondary containment adequate to contain a spill the size of the containers total storage capacity. There shall be no subsurface discharge of any hazardous material or petroleum product. Hazardous materials may be defined as radioactive substances synthetic organic products, herbicides, pesticides, medical waste, heavy metals, and the use of septic system cleaners containing any toxic or hazardous materials.
- H. Drive-in service accessory to a permitted use, except for food establishment, provided such use will not in the judgement of the Board, unduly interfere with the convenience and safety of vehicular and pedestrian movement in the vicinity and that sufficient driveway area is provided to accommodate all waiting vehicles within the site.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of Articles 20 through 24 is to bring all uses currently present into conformity with the Zoning Bylaws.

It was moved and seconded from the floor to adopt Article 20. Malchan Stanley, Clerk of the Planning

Board, reported that they recommend adoption of this change unanimously. He explained that this article would rezone areas of South Main Street that are currently zoned Light Industrial and Business. It would not rezone any land that is currently residential. The Board's five reasons for recommending the article are:

1. We need to balance our increased residential growth with some commercial growth to help us out on taxes.
2. The vast majority of the 34% who returned the recent land use survey indicated that they wanted to maintain the rural character of the Town while providing for some very planned commercial growth, restricted to the 114 area, in order to help keep the tax rate down.
3. This rezoning would allow legitimate professional and retail businesses to set up shop on 114. Currently most of the area in question is zoned Light Industrial, which means that businesses like Osco Drug who wanted to locate there, have had to be turned away.
4. Jobs for ourselves and our children.
5. This would not add substantially to the traffic that already passes by here on its way to Danvers and Peabody, but would enable Middleton to grab some of the business that would otherwise go to neighboring cities and towns.

Zoning Enforcement Officer Robert Aldenberg made a slide presentation showing the areas proposed to be rezoned and the current and proposed uses.

Craig Jalbert raised questions about increased traffic on River Street, and Scott Hamilton offered an amendment to reduce the scope of the rezoning and to eliminate the shopping center use in the new district. The text of the amendment follows:

Replace Paragraph #2 so that it reads:

"The area to be designated as a G.C. Zoning District is described as follows:

"Generally those parcels on both sides of South Main Street (Route 114) from the Danvers town line to Forms Way having frontage on South Main Street."

Revise Section 4.14.B so that it reads:

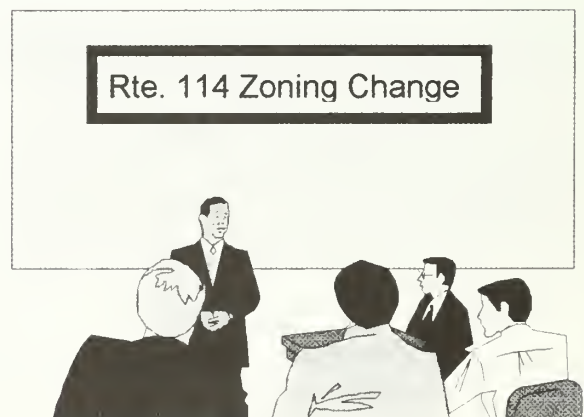
"Retail store or service establishment."

The Moderator asked for a ruling on the amendment from Town Counsel. Town Counsel ruled that the first part of the amendment, reducing the area to be rezoned, is proper, but that the second part, eliminating the shopping center use, is not.

Mal Stanley spoke against the amendment because it amounts to spot zoning and would just result in more curb cuts rather than allow for planned commercial development.

Another voter spoke in favor of the amendment as an appropriate small step, one which would not allow the development of the Richardson property into a shopping center.

A vote on the amendment was very close: Yes 137, No 135. The motion to amend Article 20 carried.



Henry Tragert pointed out that Section 4.14.1.F of this article refers to regulations in Section 4.6.1.B which would be eliminated by this article. As a procedural matter, the Board would have to come up with a specific description for an Industrial Park to replace this reference. Mr. Tragert also expressed concern about the terms General Business and General Commercial, suggesting that they sound like a "lawyer's delight" and might undo the work of previous Town Meetings which have tried to weed out undesirable uses in our commercial district and might not be sufficiently visionary in defining what this district should be. He commented that there are two ways to get conformity in this area. One is to reduce all uses to the lowest common denominator (which he's afraid this is), and the other is to try and get the commercial development to adhere to a higher standard, like the Bray Wilkins office building.

Other voters spoke against the amended article because they were in favor of controlling development by examining proposed development one parcel at a time, because they were very concerned about potential increased traffic, increased services, and sewage problems.

Don Corbett spoke in favor, saying that huge commercial growth on 114 in Danvers in the immediate future is going to increase traffic anyway, not only on 114 but also on River and Boston Streets, no matter what we do.

Jeff Schreiber of the Zoning Board of Appeals spoke against the article because the present bylaw allows for more careful scrutiny of potential commercial development one parcel at a time.

When a vote was taken by a showing of hands, the motion to adopt Article 20 as amended failed by a vote of 54 Yes and 185 No.

The Moderator announced that the Planning Board will withdraw six related articles: 21, 22, 23, 24, 50, and 51.

At 10:40 PM it was moved and seconded from the floor that the Meeting be adjourned. The vote to do so was unanimous. The Moderator announced that the Meeting would be reconvened on Thursday evening at 7:30 PM in the same place.

Attest, a True Copy,

Sarah B. George  
Town Clerk



Meeting  
Adjourned!

# **ADJOURNED SESSION OF THE 1996 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**May 16, 1996**

The adjourned session of the 1996 Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM in the gymnasium of the North Shore Technical High School. Moderator Norm Nathan introduced Kathleen Lynch, Superintendent of the Masconomet Regional School District, who spoke briefly.

The Moderator encouraged voters to ask questions and not to be embarrassed to speak up if there's something that isn't clear.

Articles 21 through 24 having been withdrawn by the Planning Board, the Meeting resumed its deliberations with Article 25.

**ARTICLE 21:** On petition of the Middleton Planning Board to see if the Town will vote to amend Section 5.3 of the Middleton Zoning By-Law by deleting the following:

Section 5.3 B-Business District title only and substituting in its place the following:

Section 5.3 B-Business and GC-General Commercial District

The development requirements for both districts as defined in Section 5.3.1 through and inclusive of Section 5.4.5.C remain as presently defined.

Withdrawn by the Planning Board.

**ARTICLE 22:** On petition of the Middleton Planning Board to see if the Town will vote to amend Section 7.6 of the Middleton Zoning By-Law by deleting the following:

Section 7.6 B-Business District title only and substituting in its place the following:

Section 7.6 B-Business and G.C.-General Commercial District.

The sign requirements for both districts as defined in Section 7.6.A through and inclusive of Section 7.6.E.4 remain as presently defined.

Withdrawn by the Planning Board.

**ARTICLE 23:** On petition of the Middleton Planning Board to see if the Town will vote to delete Section 5.11 of the Middleton Zoning Bylaw and replace it with the following section:

5.11 Special requirements for all Business, General Commercial and Industrial Districts on North Main Street and South Main Street.

Withdrawn by the Planning Board.

**ARTICLE 24:** On petition of the Middleton Planning Board to see if the Town will vote to delete Section 5.11.2.A of the Middleton Zoning Bylaw and replace it with the following section:

5.11.2.A Street and sideline planting is required on any premises in a Business, General Commercial or Industrial District for each sideline which meets North or South Main Street and for the full frontage of North Main Street. Such planting is required when any new building, addition or change of use requires a parking increase of five (5) or more spaces.

Withdrawn by the Planning Board.

**ARTICLE 25:** On petition of the Board of Selectmen and Superintendent of the Division of Public Works to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to acquire by purchase or eminent domain, all land of Leo S. and Karen McNichol on Kenney Road in PARCEL 1 on a plan entitled, "County of Essex, Massachusetts Plan Of A Portion of Kenney Road From Maple Street To 3+97.13 Kenney Road in the Town of Middleton As Laid Out dated September 6, 1995", prepared by Hayes Engineering Inc., 603 Salem Street, Wakefield, MA 01880 and filed in the office of the Town Clerk. Said sum to be used for the acquisition of land to widen Kenney Road at its intersection with Maple Street and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, or by any combination thereof.



The Finance Committee referred the article to the Selectmen. The Selectmen withdrew Article 25 because they are exploring other alternatives to the same end.



**ARTICLE 26:** On petition of the Superintendent of the Division of Public Works to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$186,425 to install drainage, widen, pave and otherwise improve any public ways in accordance with the provisions of Section 34, Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws, and such funds to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Public Works.

The Finance Committee recommended passage of Article 26 with the funds to come from Chapter 90. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**ARTICLE 27:** On petition of the Trustees of the Flint Public Library to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to complete the program for public access catalog automation at the Library; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended that the Meeting appropriate this money from the Tax Levy. Shirley Raynard, Library Director, explained that this is the final step in a long process of computerization at the Library which will allow public access to the computer catalog already available to the staff. The motion carried.

**ARTICLE 28:** On petition of the Trustees of the Flint Public Library to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 to conduct a Library Building Program Study; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by

transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption the article due to the substantial annual increase in the level of activity of at the Library. They recommended that the funds be taken from the Tax Levy. Shirley Raynard spoke in favor, explaining that this is the first step in a long process to expand the Library. This written document is necessary prior to any architectural or design work in order to enable the Town to seek grant money later for the building program. Article 28 was adopted.

**ARTICLE 29:** On petition of the Police Chief to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to purchase and replace office filing cabinets; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended that the Meeting authorize this appropriation from the Tax Levy. After a close voice vote and a brief discussion a handcount was taken. Article 29 was adopted by a vote of 109 Yes, 27 No.

**ARTICLE 30:** On petition of the Fire Chief to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to repair rust on and make repairs to all Fire Department pumpers and apparatus; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, or by any combination thereof.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee that this annual appropriation to maintain the fire equipment be taken from the Tax Levy, the Meeting adopted Article 30.

**ARTICLE 31:** On petition of the Fire Chief to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to purchase large diameter hose; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended that the Meeting fund the purchase of a new large diameter hose because the old ones are broken and aging (they date from 1978 and 1982). The Meeting voted to do so unanimously.

**ARTICLE 32:** On petition of the Fire Chief to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,000 to refurbish and expand the Watch Room at Fire Headquarters; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee did not recommend Article 32 because the current Watch Room is functionally adequate, although small, and any renovations should be addressed as part of a master plan for this building. It was moved and seconded from the floor that Article 32 be adopted. Chief Michalski and Rick Nash spoke in favor. Rick Kassiotis stated that the funding source should be the Tax Levy, and the Finance Committee concurred. The motion, when put to a vote, did not carry.

**ARTICLE 33:** On petition of the Fire Chief to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 to be used together with the trade in or sale value of the 1976 Ward LaFrance pumper to purchase a new pumper in accordance with specifications to be set forth by the Fire Chief; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee did not recommend adoption of Article 33. It was moved and seconded from the floor to raise this money. The Finance Committee reported that if the article passes it would be funded with \$100,000 from Free Cash and \$150,000 from the Stabilization Fund. A handcount was taken, because a 2/3 vote is required to take money from Stabilization. The vote was 39 Yes and 115 No. The motion did not carry.

Andrew Bouchard made a motion from the floor to reconsider Article 20, stating that he had voted on the prevailing side. The motion was seconded from the floor. A handcount was taken and the vote to reconsider Article 20 was: 52 Yes, 121 No.

**ARTICLE 34:** On petition of the Middleton School Committee to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 to purchase building maintenance equipment, cafeteria tables, instructional materials and furniture for two additional classrooms; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

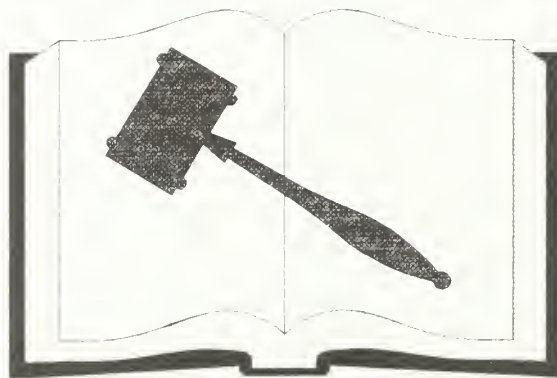
The Finance Committee recommended these purchases. The classroom equipment is necessitated by increased enrollment; the maintenance equipment, to facilitate snow removal. The funding source would be the Tax Levy. Tom Skinner, Chairman of the Elementary School Committee spoke in favor. The motion carried on a voice vote.

**ARTICLE 35:** On petition of the Middleton School Committee to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to purchase materials, books, and resources for year one of a new two year K-6 Language Arts Program; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

Paul Gettings of the Finance Committee reported that his Committee does not recommend this expense at this time. The Committee's vote was 3 to 3, therefore they cannot recommend. It was moved and seconded from the floor that Article 35 be adopted. After considerable discussion, the motion carried 133 Yes to 47 No.

**ARTICLE 36:** On petition of the Electric Light Commissioners to see if the Town will vote to accept \$88,000 from the earnings of the Electric Light Department, said sum to be used for the reduction of taxes.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Meeting accepted Article 36 "almost unanimously."



**ARTICLE 37:** On petition of the Electric Light Commissioners to see if the Town will authorize the appropriation of all income of the Municipal Light Department, the whole to be expended by the Manager thereof under the direction and control of the Commissioners, for the expenses of the Department for the Fiscal Year as defined in Section 57 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, and the excess to be transferred to the Depreciation Fund of said Department to be used as the Commissioners may direct hereto.

The Finance Committee recommended that this annual request be granted in order to permit the Electric Light Department to continue to operate as a municipal department under the General Laws of the Commonwealth. The motion carried unanimously.

**ARTICLE 38:** On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to accept a portion of Watkins Way and Silas Meriam Way, as Town Streets as laid out by the Board of Selectmen under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 82, Section 22, and in compliance with the Planning Board's Subdivision Rules and Regulations for new streets.

The Finance Committee deferred to the Planning Board. The article was moved and seconded from the floor. The Planning Board did not recommend this article because the roads in question are not ready for acceptance. The motion was defeated unanimously.

**ARTICLE 39:** On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to accept Currier Road as a Town Street as laid out by the Board of Selectmen under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 82, Section 22, and in compliance with the Planning Board's Subdivision Rules and Regulations for new streets.

It was moved and seconded from the floor that Currier Road be accepted. The Planning Board recommended acceptance. Nancy Jones, Larry Dodge, and Robert Lambe, Chairman of the Conservation Commission, spoke against acceptance. Beverly Popielski explained that the Planning Board holds a contingency fund put up by the contractor until the concerns of the Conservation Commission are satisfied. Jay

Currier spoke against the article. The motion did not carry.

**ARTICLE 40:** On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to accept Jersey Lane as a Town Street as laid out by the Board of Selectmen under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 82, Section 22, and in compliance with the Planning Board's Subdivision Rules and Regulations for new streets.

It was moved and seconded from the floor to accept Jersey Lane as a Town Street. The Planning Board recommended acceptance and the vote in favor was unanimous.

**ARTICLE 41:** On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to accept Flint Farm Road as a Town Street as laid out by the Board of Selectmen under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 82, Section 22, and in compliance with the Planning Board's Subdivision Rules and Regulations for new streets.

It was moved and seconded from the floor to accept Flint Farm Road. The Planning Board reported that they do not recommend acceptance because the road is not yet ready. The motion was defeated unanimously.

**ARTICLE 42:** On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to accept Campbell Road as a Town Street as laid out by the Board of Selectmen under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 82, Section 22, and in compliance with the Planning Board's Subdivision Rules and Regulations for new streets.

The Moderator reported that the developer wishes to have this article withdrawn from consideration at this time. No motion was made.

**ARTICLE 43:** On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to accept Cabral Drive, and Bayberry Lane as Town Streets as laid out by the Board of Selectmen under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 82, Section 22, and in compliance with the Planning Board's Subdivision Rules and Regulations for new streets.



After a motion and second from the floor, the Planning Board reported that they do not recommend acceptance, again because the road is not ready. The motion did not carry.

**ARTICLE 44:** On Petition of the Inspector of Buildings to see if the Town will vote to amend Section 4.1.1.G.1 of the Middleton Zoning Bylaw by adding the following section to be identified as Section 4.1.1.G.1.A.

#### Section 4.1.1.G.1.A

Every swimming pool shall be enclosed by a fence or a wall not less than four (4) feet high from ground level, permanently secured, erected, and maintained so that no persons may pass through it except by opening a door or gate therein which shall be equipped with a self-closing and self-latching device and shall be kept securely padlocked at all times when not in actual use.

In the case of above-ground pools, the above requirement is considered to be satisfied if all of the following three (3) conditions are met:

1. At no point is the top of the wall less than four (4) feet above the ground surface.
2. Any ladder, set of stairs, or other similar device used to enter the pool must be secured in the upright position and padlocked or completely removed when not in actual use.
3. All filtering, pumping, and associated equipment shall be either contained within a four (4) foot high fence or stationed far enough away from the pool so that it does not serve as a stepping stone for persons to gain access to the pool.

A swimming pool having a depth of less than twenty-four (24) inches which is not emptied when not in use shall meet the above standards or shall be equipped with a closely woven monofilament poly propylene cover, or comparable material, securely fastened which will sustain weights up to two hundred (200) pounds. All swimming pool installations shall meet the approval of the Inspector of Buildings.

All existing swimming pools shall be brought into compliance with this zoning bylaw within twelve (12) months after enactment.



**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this article is to place safety requirements on open pools to prevent unauthorized entry to the unattended areas, especially to small children.

Article 44 was moved and seconded from the floor. Ronald Twing reported that the Planning Board strongly recommended passage of the article, and he spoke in favor. There was a brief discussion on the floor during which the Building Inspector also spoke in favor. The article was adopted on a voice vote; the Moderator declared that the No's were loud but few in number.

**ARTICLE 45:** On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 9D of Chapter 32B of the Massachusetts General Laws, which provides that the Town will assume payment of one-half of the premium of health insurance for a surviving spouse of an insured employee.

The Finance Committee recommended accepting the provisions of Section 9D of Chapter 32B to enable the Town continue its current policy. Article 45 was adopted.

**ARTICLE 46:** On petition of David Leary and ten registered voters to see if the Town will vote to accept Fuller Cemetery on Old South Main Street for perpetual care.

The Finance Committee did not recommend acceptance of this article because the ownership of the property in question has not been established. Town Counsel has indicated that there is no statute that would allow the Town to approve this article as submitted. There was no motion made.



**ARTICLE 47:** On petition of the Town Clerk to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be used to computerize, codify, update, and reprint all Town Bylaws, the Town Charter, regulatory board Rules and Regulations, and all other official actions of the Town, many of which have not been reprinted and updated since their original adoption and publication; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended this appropriation with the funds to be taken from Free Cash. After a brief presentation by Clerk George, the Meeting voted to adopt Article 47.

**ARTICLE 48:** On petition of the Conservation Commission to see if the Town will vote to adopt the following amendment to the Town Bylaws to add a new Chapter VI within Part Two - Prudential Affairs and Internal Police entitled, "Middleton Wetlands Protection Bylaw and Middleton Wetland Protection Rules and Regulations." This Bylaw and the Rules and Regulations are available separately at the Town Clerk's office.

The Finance Committee deferred to the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission. A motion was made and seconded from the floor to adopt Article 48. Robert Lambe, Chairman of the Conservation Commission, spoke in favor. Pike Messenger made a presentation summarizing the proposal and especially the six differences between the proposed Bylaw and the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act (Ch. 131, Sec.40).

1. It provides for a 25' no-disturbance zone around wetlands. The act does not.
2. It provides isolated vegetated wetlands. The Act only protects vegetated wetlands that border on bodies of water.
3. It requires that wetlands the Commission allows to be altered be compensated for by creating new wetland at a ratio of 2 new to 1 lost. The Act requires at least 1 to 1 replication.

4. It protects vernal pools and provides them with a buffer zone. The Act only protects those pools that are certified by the Division of Fish and Wildlife or by a preponderance of evidence presented by others at a public hearing.
5. It authorizes the Commission to require the payment of consultant fees by the applicant for projects requiring special expertise. The Act does not.
6. It allows for the issue of non-criminal citations ("tickets") to violators of the Bylaw of Act. The Act does not.

Several voters spoke against adopting this bylaw. Andy Bouchard asked for the Planning Board's opinion. Ron Twing, Chairman of the Planning Board, reported that the Planning Board agrees in principle that Middleton should have a Wetlands Protection Bylaw but does not recommend passage of this article because they have not had sufficient time to review it and the ultimate effect it would have on the citizenry of Middleton. Mr. Twing also commended the excellence and diligence of the work Pike Messenger has done in compiling this bylaw.

After further discussion, a motion was made from the floor to cut off debate and vote on the article. The vote to cut off debate was 159 Yes, 37 No. The vote on Article 48 itself was 55 Yes and 160 No. The article was not adopted.

**ARTICLE 49:** On petition of William Mugford and more than 10 registered voters to see if the Town will re-open Hocter Park for recreational purposes and not leave it abandoned as it is now.

The Finance Committee did not recommend passage of Article 49 because there is no specific definition of the tasks or actions to be taken. It was moved and seconded from the floor that Article 49 be adopted. Gary L'Abbe of the Recreation Commission spoke in favor. Dorothea Faulkner, Rick Kassiotis, Nancy Jones, and David Leary spoke against. It was mentioned that the tract needs to be surveyed, because we do not really know exactly where it is. It is also very wet, wooded land where

mosquitoes are a big problem. Also, because there is no appropriation involved, the action to be taken would be very limited: it really means simply that the Selectmen should investigate the possibility of using this land. The Meeting voted to adopt Article 49.

**ARTICLE 50:** On petition of the Planning Board to see if the Town will vote to delete Section 8.1 of the Zoning By-Law and replace this section with the following:

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this Article is to require that petitioners apply to the Board of Selectmen for harmonious development prior to seeking site plan approval.

### 8.1 Site Plan

For the purpose of administering the provisions of this By-Law relating to parking and loading spaces, and to ensure the most advantageous use of all properties within the same district and for the reasonable protection of the legitimate interest of adjoining property owners, no permit shall be issued for garden apartments in a residence district nor for any new buildings or structures in a GC - General Commercial District, B-Business or M-Manufacturing District nor in an "I"-Institutional District or "IH"-Interstate Highway Business District, nor for an addition to or alteration of an existing building for commercial use, until the site plan, prepared by a professional architect, engineer or landscape architect, has been submitted to the Building Inspector and reviewed by him with the advice of the Planning Board, and approved by the Board of Appeals after a public hearing. The failure of the Board of Appeals to act within ninety (90) days after the hearing shall constitute approval.

The Building Inspector shall not accept a site plan for processing unless it bears the stamp of a professional architect, engineer or landscape architect, meets the standards for such plans adopted by the Board of Appeals and provides the information required by this Section, 8.1, in a clear and readily understandable manner.

The Board of Appeals shall not act on a Site Plan Review application until they have received a written report from the Board of Selectmen relative to harmonious development review as required by Section 8.2.2 of this By-Law.

Failure of any person to submit an application for harmonious development shall be cause for the Board of Appeals to deny their application for Site Plan Review.

The Site Plan should provide for:

1. compliance with the requirements for parking and loading spaces: for lot size, frontage, yards and heights and coverage of building, and all other provisions of this By-law;
2. convenience and safety of vehicular and pedestrian movement on the site, and for the location of driveway openings in relation to street traffic;
3. adequacy as to the arrangement and, where not herein specified, the number of parking spaces in relation to the proposed uses of the premises;
4. arrangement and appearance of proposed buildings, structures, free-standing and attached signs, screening and landscaping;
5. adequacy of the methods on the site for waste disposal, subsurface drainage, and lighting and signs;
6. the Planning Board may from time to time adopt rules prescribing reasonable regulations under this section. The site plan shall indicate existing and proposed boundaries and all existing and proposed structures, parking and loading spaces, access, driveways and driveway openings, service areas and other open areas, and all facilities for lighting and signs, water supply, sewage, refuse and other waste disposal; for drainage, screening, and other landscape features.

Article 50 was withdrawn by the Planning Board.

**ARTICLE 51:** On petition of the Planning Board to see if the Town will vote to delete Section 8.2.2 of the Zoning By-Law relative to harmonious development requirements and substitute this section with the following:

**Section 8.2.2 Promotion of Harmonious Development**

In order to promote harmony in architectural treatment and avoidance of incongruous or inappropriate character of architectural appearance and arrangement of buildings detrimental to the property values of adjoining owners of the community, no building permit shall be issued for any new building or structure in a "GC"-General Commercial District, "B"-Business District, "M" - Manufacturing District, "I"-Institutional District or "HI-Interstate Highway District until plans showing proposed location and external appearance shall have been submitted to the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen may appoint annually a Design Review Advisory Committee to assist them in the review of all plans submitted for harmonious development review.

The Board of Selectmen shall determine whether or not the proposed location and external appearance represent harmonious development. A report shall be submitted to the Board of Appeals by the Selectmen with their comments and suggestions or a period of three (3) weeks shall have been allowed to elapse after submission without action.

Article 51 was withdrawn by the Planning Board.

**ARTICLE 52:** On Petition of the Middleton Planning Board to see if the Town will vote to amend Section 5.0.1 of the Middleton Zoning By-law by adding the following section to be identified as Section 5.0.1.B. The existing paragraph will remain as is and be identified as 5.0.1.A.

5.0.1.B No lot shall be reduced in area or frontage if it already has or will be caused to have less area or frontage than required by this section except by a taking by Eminent Domain or a conveyance for a public purpose.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this Article is to provide relief to property owners who by reason of land takings have had their lots rendered illegal lots relative to zoning requirements.

The Planning Board recommended adoption of Article 52. Chairman Twing explained that this article was adopted by Annual Town Meeting last year, but because of a defect in advertising the public hearing (it was only advertised once instead of the required twice), it was rejected by the Attorney General. Article 52 was adopted by a unanimous vote of 188 to 0.

**ARTICLE 53:** On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money to be taken from Free Cash to apply to and reduce the FY 97 Tax Rate, and to pay for overlay deficits resulting from tax abatements and interest for various tax parcels granted abatements from fiscal year 1990 through fiscal year 1996.

The Finance Committee recommended that \$300,000 be taken from Free Cash to pay for overlay deficits resulting from tax abatements and interest for various tax parcels granted abatements from fiscal year 1990 through fiscal year 1996 and to apply to and reduce the FY97 Tax Rate, and the Meeting voted to do so.

**ARTICLE 54:** On petition of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Health to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the capping of the Town's landfill and for all associated technical, engineering and mitigation measures in compliance with requirements of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation, by borrowing, by transfer from available funds or by any combination thereof, or to take any other action relative thereto.



The Finance Committee recommended that the sum of \$1,650,000 be appropriated for the capping of the Town's landfill and for all associated technical, engineering and mitigation measures in compliance with the requirements of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, and that to raise this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$1,650,000 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 8(24) and 7(25) of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town thereof.

Ronald Twing reported that the Planning Board recommended adoption of Article 54. Town Administrator Ira Singer spoke in favor of the article, as did Mary Jane Morrin, Chairman of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee and member of the Board of Health. Article 54 was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Nathan asked the Meeting to thank Kate Brochu, Carolyn Currier, and Eileen Bakoian, who were not needed for this article, for counting the many votes taken by a showing of hands.

**ARTICLE 55:** On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund, and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended that \$100,000 be appropriated to the Stabilization Fund from Free Cash, and the Meeting voted to do so unanimously.

After it was moved and seconded from the floor to dissolve the Meeting, this too was adopted unanimously at 10:52 PM.

Attest, a true copy,

Sarah B. George  
Town Clerk





# ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

May 20, 1996

The polls at the Fuller Meadow School were opened by Warden Sandra Pollock at 7:00 am and remained open until 8:00 pm. There were 3,502 registered voters at the close of registration for this election, and 567 votes were cast. The results were:



## MODERATOR

(For One Year Vote for One)

Norman Nathan	461
Robert M. Aldenberg	13
All Others	3
Blanks	90

## ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMISSIONER

(For Three Years Vote for Two)

Alfred J. Jones	412
A. David Lenzie	398
All Others	1
Blanks	323

## CLERK

(For Three Years Vote for One)

Sarah B. George	472
Blanks	95

## PLANNING BOARD

(For Five Years Vote for One)

Timothy P. Chouinard	278
Kosta E. Prentakis	138
All Others	1
Blanks	150

## SELECTMAN

(For Three Years Vote for One)

Richard W. Kassiotis	282
William R. Mugford	260
Blanks	25

## TRUSTEE OF THE FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY

(For Three Years Vote for Two)

Marion B. Gilman	413
Leonard A. Stone	407
Blanks	314

## ASSESSOR

(For Three Years Vote for One)

James G. Hosman	48
George E. Dow, Sr.	5
Alan E. Webber	5
All Others	33
Blanks	476

## HOUSING AUTHORITY

(For Five Years Vote for One)

All Others	13
Blanks	554

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

(For Three Years Vote for Two)

Thomas E. Skinner	308
Judson W. Greene	83
Jill E. Mann	235
Paul F. Woodbury, Jr.	250
Blanks	258

## REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

(For Three Years Vote for One)

Diane H. McGowan	434
All Others	1
Blanks	132

## QUESTION 1

Shall the Town of Middleton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to finance the capping of the Landfill and other costs incidental and related thereto?

Yes	278
No	230
Blanks	59

Attest, a True Copy,

Sarah B. George  
Town Clerk

## BOARD OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

The Board of Registrars of Voters is appointed by the Board of Selectmen to serve three-year overlapping terms. The Town Clerk is a Registrar by virtue of her office. The duties of the Registrars include the following:

- Register new voters
- Certify nomination papers and petitions
- Conduct election recounts
- Maintain and update the list of registered voters
- Prepare the annual census.

When the 1996 census was taken, an application for mail-in voter registration forms was enclosed with each census form. 393 of these applications were returned to us. As a result, 653 mail-in forms were sent out, and 317 were returned -- adding 317 new voters to the list.

The Board holds a special registration session prior to each election and town meeting. Special registration sessions were held prior to the Special Town Meeting - August 3, 1995, the Special Town Meeting on October 12, 1995; the Presidential Primary on March 5, 1996; the Annual Town Meeting on May 14, 1996; and the Annual Town Election on May 20, 1996.

Registration sessions are held in the Office of the Town Clerk, or the Board of Registrars Office in Memorial Hall. In addition to the special sessions, any resident of the Town may register to vote in the Town Clerk's Office: Monday through Thursday, 9 AM to 3 PM, Friday, 9 AM to 1 PM, and Tuesday evening 7-9 PM. Mail-in registration is also possible. Forms are available at the Post Office and Library or by calling the Town Clerk's Office at 774-6927.

As of January 1, 1996 the Board found the total number of residents to be 6,020. As of June 30, 1996, the number of registered voters and their party enrollment is as follows:

Democrats	768
Republicans	534
Unenrolled	2,196
Others	4
Total	3,502

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Hocter, Chairman  
Alice Milbery  
Nancy Karolides  
Sarah George (ex officio)

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## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS RECORDED

In Fiscal Year 1996 eighty-six (86) births were recorded in the Town Clerk's Office as occurring to residents of Middleton. Thirty (30) marriages and forty-four (44) deaths were also recorded.

In accordance with a 1991 amendment of Chapter 51, Section 4 of the Massachusetts General Laws, the list of births is now omitted from this report.

Similarly, the lists of marriages and deaths are now omitted in accordance with the recommendations of the Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records.

Please be advised that this information is still public, however, and individual records may be viewed and copies purchased in the Town Clerk's Office.

## TOWN ACCOUNTANT

The general purpose financial statements of the Town of Middleton are submitted herewith. These reports were prepared by me as the Town Accountant.

Responsibility for both accuracy of the presented data and the completeness and fairness of the presentation, including all disclosures, rest with the Town.

I believe the data as presented is accurate in all material aspects; that it is presented in a manner designed to fairly set forth the financial position and results of operation of the Town as measured by the financial activity of its various funds; and that all disclosures necessary to enable the reader to gain the maximum understanding of the Town's financial affairs have been included.

The Town continues to be in a sound financial position. However, the tax rate for Fiscal Year 1996 did increase to \$13.90 per thousand dollars of valuation. This increase was projected, but thanks to the efforts of everyone involved in Town Government and the support of Town body, it didn't exceed the projections. It is projected that for the next few years the Town will be looking at double digit tax increase driven by population increases.

The following is a schedule of general long-term town obligations

The Town's indebtedness consists of serial notes issued between fiscal 1980 and 1996 for funding special projects. All bond issues were approved by Town Meeting.

The following is a statement of changes in long term debt for the year ended June 30, 1996:

TYPE	INTEREST RATES	ORIGINAL AMOUNT	BALANCE AT 7-1-95	ADDITIONS	RETIREMENTS	BALANCE AT 6-30-96
School Construction & Landfill Project Maturities 1996-2015	4.3% to 7.2%	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000		5,000,000
School Renovation Project Maturities 1996-2005	3.1% to 5.0%	1,275,000	1,150,000		125,000	1,025,000
Electric Substation Maturities 1996-2009	5.7% to 8.0%	1,975,000	1,400,000		100,000	1,300,000
Water Extension Maturities 1996-2005	5.0%	412,000	35,750		3,575	32,175
Water Extension Maturities 1996-2022	5.0%	367,800	269,800		9,800	260,000
Water Extension	7.5%	167,000	10,000		10,000	
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$9,196,800</b>	<b>\$7,865,550</b>	<b>\$5,000,000</b>	<b>\$248,375</b>	<b>\$7,617,175</b>

The annual debt service requirements of the Town's outstanding indebtedness at June 30, 1996, with interest rates from 3.1% to 8.0% are as follows:

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Total</b>
1997	408,375	396,167	804,542
1998	393,375	372,960	766,335
1999	398,375	349,851	748,226
2000	408,375	325,878	734,253
2001	413,375	303,564	716,939
Thereafter	5,595,300	2,168,604	7,763,904
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,617,175</b>	<b>\$3,917,024</b>	<b>\$11,534,199</b>

At June 30, 1996, the Town has authorized and unissued debt of \$3,080,000, \$1,650,000 for landfill capping, \$1,135,000 for school construction and \$295,000 for water projects.

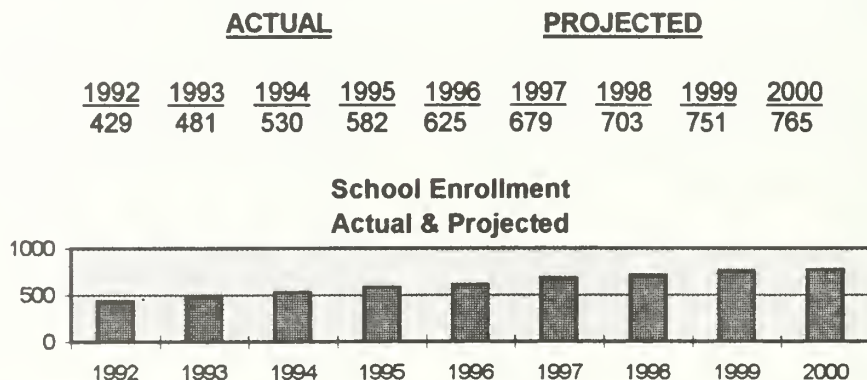
These two schedules illustrate some of the reasons we see increasing tax rates now and for sometime in the future. These debt schedules do not reflect any impact the Masco building project will most certainly have in future years. The impact on the proposed Masco addition to the Town debt and interest schedule will be tremendous. The debt could range from 12 to 15 million dollars within three or four years. The principal and interest costs to Middleton could be in the range of one dollar on the tax rate.

In last year's report I indicated Fiscal 96 and beyond will continue to challenge the Town's fiscal resources. The times are now here and many tough and perhaps unpopular

decisions will be necessary in future years. In order to ease the tax burden the Town must continue to take steps to bring in sound environmental safe businesses or developments that have little impact on services and especially our schools. The Town also needs to consider restriction on residential building. The residential growth continues to have negative impact on the Town's resources. The balance between residential growth and business growth continues to widen to favor residential growth.

In Fiscal 1997 we have seen the impact on our school systems and in fiscal year 1998, with the opening of the new wing at Fuller Meadow, the Town will begin to see the full impact of the growth in population.

Shown below is Elementary (K-6) school enrollment both actual and projected from 1992 to 2000.



Once again, I thank the townspeople for their support at Town Meeting, the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, Bill Fraher our CPA, and all department heads and committees for their support during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Murphy  
Town Accountant



**TOWN OF MIDDLETON**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
ENDING 6/30/08

	GENERAL #22-25	SPECIAL REVENUE #28	WATER SP REV #30	CAPITAL #31	ENTERPRISE #32	NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS #33	EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS #34	STABILIZATION #35	TRUST AGENCIES #36	CAPITAL PROJECT #37	LONG TERM DEBT #38	TOTALS
<b>ASSETS:</b>												
CASH	2,783,529	460,713	344,383	3,465,186	3,809,598	145,352	195,426	180,150	640,016	348,206		12,170,581
RECEIVABLES												
REAL ESTATE/PERSONAL PROPERTY	3,580,869											3,580,869
LESS: ALLOW FOR ABATEMENTS	(200,699)											(200,699)
NET REAL ESTATE/PERSONAL PROPERTY	3,380,200											3,380,200
TAX TITLE & TAX POSSESSIONS	343,713								8,402			350,115
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	79,905											79,905
OTHER RECEIVABLES	3,880	319,465										1,408,501
FIXED ASSETS					1,086,156							6,454,482
INVESTMENTS					6,454,482							280,558
PROJECTS AUTHORIZED						280,558						5,685,000
AMOUNT TO BE PROVIDED				5,685,000							6,317,175	6,317,175
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>8,591,227</b>	<b>780,178</b>	<b>344,383</b>	<b>9,150,186</b>	<b>11,150,234</b>	<b>405,910</b>	<b>195,426</b>	<b>180,150</b>	<b>648,420</b>	<b>348,206</b>	<b>6,317,175</b>	<b>38,107,497</b>

<b>LIABILITIES:</b>												
BAD DEBT	121											121
DEFERRED REVENUE:		133,045			677				6,402			140,124
REAL ESTATE/PERSONAL PROPERTY	3,380,200											3,380,200
TAX TITLE	343,713											343,713
MOTOR VEHICLES	79,905											79,905
OTHER	3,874											3,874
NOTES/BONDS PAYABLE					1,300,000						6,317,175	7,617,175
DEPOSITS									640,016			640,016
SESD	(652)											(652)
PROJECTS AUTHORIZED NOT COMPLETED												5,685,000
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>3,807,281</b>	<b>133,045</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,685,000</b>	<b>1,300,677</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>648,420</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,317,175</b>	<b>17,888,578</b>

<b>FUND EQUITY:</b>												
RESERVED FUND BALANCES	1,183,854	340,020	344,383		1,605,050	405,910	195,426	180,150		348,206		4,601,001
UNRESERVED FND BAL - SURPLUS	1,633,628	307,113										5,405,927
UNPROVIDED ABATE /EXP	(43,856)											
OVER/UNDER ASSESSMENTS	10,340											
UNRESERVED FND BAL GRANTS												
PRIVATE GRANTS												
FEDERAL GRANTS												
RATE STABILIZATION FUND												
RETAINED EARNINGS												
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>2,783,966</b>	<b>647,133</b>	<b>344,383</b>	<b>3,465,186</b>	<b>9,849,557</b>	<b>405,910</b>	<b>195,426</b>	<b>180,150</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>348,206</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18,251,435</b>

<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>6,591,227</b>	<b>780,178</b>	<b>344,383</b>	<b>9,150,186</b>	<b>11,150,234</b>	<b>405,910</b>	<b>195,426</b>	<b>180,150</b>	<b>648,420</b>	<b>348,206</b>	<b>6,317,175</b>	<b>38,107,497</b>
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TOWN OF MIDDLETON  
CASH RECEIPTS SUMMARY  
ENDING 06/30/96

	#1 GENERAL FUND	#22 REVOLVING FUND	#23 RECEIPTS RESERVED	#24 SCHOOL GRANTS	#25 OTHER GRANTS	#26 WATER SPECIAL RESERVE	#32 ELECTRIC FUND	#32 TRUST FUND	#69 AGENCY FUND	#30 CAPITAL PROJECTS	#34 TRUSTS	TOTAL
PL 94-142	43,291											43,291
TITLE I	58,406											58,406
EARLY CHILDHOOD	2,833											2,833
PRESCHOOL SPECIAL ED	3,090											3,090
GUIDANCE COUNSELOR	12,230											12,230
<b>FUND 25 - OTHER GRANTS:</b>												
COUNCIL ON AGING					8,600							8,600
HOUSING PARTNERSHIP					21,810							21,810
DARE PROGRAM					8,150							8,150
ARTS COUNCIL					3,000							3,000
COPS FAST					18,977							18,977
HURRICANE BOB					1,107							1,107
FEMA BLIZZARD					(14,208)							(14,208)
COA FORMULA					2,778							2,778
TITLE III B					3,826							3,826
COA MISCELLANEOUS					170							170
LIBRARY					4,392							4,392
MARGARET BLAIR					443							443
POLICE VESTS					9,996							9,996
<b>FUND 28 - WATER:</b>												
UTILITY SERVICE CHARGES						282,852						282,852
WATER LINE PERMITS						4,100						4,100
<b>FUND 30 CAPITAL PROJECTS</b>												
RECEIPTS										16,766		16,766
<b>FUND 62 - ELECTRIC:</b>												
LIENS							56					56
SALE OF POWER							7,591,498					7,591,498
MISC. CHARGES							168,139					168,139
PRODUCTION							131,091					131,091
M&O							77,760					77,760
TRANSFER SURPLUS							150,652					150,652
<b>FUND 82 - TRUSTS</b>												
INTEREST								8,181				8,181
<b>FUND 84 TRUSTS</b>												
SCHOLARSHIPS											130	130
<b>FUND 89 - AGENCY:</b>												
FISH & GAME									3,284			3,284
ADD PERC TEST									743			743
GUARANTEE DEPOSITS									95,115			95,115
POLICE DETAILS									57,319			57,319
WATER LIENS									99			99
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$17,444,724	\$228,959	\$105,112	\$123,964	\$67,041	\$286,962	\$8,120,196	\$8,181	\$168,560	\$16,766	\$130	\$39,113,861

GRAND TOTAL

**TOWN OF MIDDLETON  
CASH RECEIPTS SUMMARY  
ENDING 06/30/96**

	#1 GENERAL FUND	#22 REVOLVING FUND	#23 RECEIPTS RESERVED	#24 SCHOOL GRANTS	#25 OTHER GRANTS	#28 WATER SPECIAL RESERVE	#62 ELECTRIC FUND	#62 TRUST FUND	#66 AGENCY FUND	#60 CAPITAL PROJECTS	#64 TRUSTS	TOTAL
<b>OTHER REVENUES:</b>												
POLICE FINES	104,888											104,888
POLICE MISC	9,683											9,683
SALE OF PROPERTY	78,725											78,725
ACCOUNTANT	187,665											187,665
INTEREST EARNINGS	258,313											258,313
SUBTOTAL	639,274											639,274
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES:</b>												
F.M. SCHOOL ADDITION (BONDS)	5,000,000											5,000,000
TRANSFER	1,034,331											1,034,331
SUBTOTAL	6,034,331											6,034,331
<b>REFUNDS &amp; REIMBURSEMENTS:</b>												
EXPENDITURE REIMBURSEMENT	63,587											63,587
<b>PAYROLL WITHHOLDINGS:</b>												
PAYROLL WITHHOLDINGS	1,921,658											1,921,658
<b>DUE TO OTHER GOV'T</b>	118,926											118,926
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>17,444,724</b>											<b>17,444,724</b>
<b>FUND 22 - REVOLVING FUND:</b>												
FIRE ALARM CONSTRUCTION		27,375										27,375
SCHOOL LUNCH		89,514										89,514
PRESCHOOL		75,893										75,893
SCHOOL MUSIC		5,067										5,067
SCHOOL PICTURES		11,050										11,050
LANDFILL FEES		20,060										20,060
<b>FUND 23 - REVENUE RESERVED:</b>												
AMBULANCE FEES			98,882									98,882
SALES OF LOTS & GRAVES			5,230									5,230
<b>FUND 24 - SCHOOL GRANTS:</b>												
CURR. FRAMEWORK STUDY				3,000								3,000
CHAPTER 2				1,114								1,114

**TOWN OF MIDDLETON  
CASH RECEIPTS SUMMARY  
ENDING 06/30/96**

	#1 GENERAL FUND	#22 REVOLVING FUND	#23 RECEIPTS RESERVED	#24 SCHOOL GRANTS	#25 OTHER GRANTS	#28 WATER SPECIAL RESERVE	#62 ELECTRIC FUND	#62 TRUST FUND	#66 AGENCY FUND	#60 CAPITAL PROJECTS	#64 TRUSTS	TOTAL
<b>TAXES:</b>												
PERSONAL PROPERTY	123,560											123,560
REAL ESTATE	6,537,728											8,537,728
TAXES IN LITIGATION	133,414											133,414
MOTOR VEHICLE	495,806											495,806
TAX TITLE PENALTY & INTEREST	38,586											38,586
PENALTY & INTEREST EXCISE	46,092											46,092
LIEU OF TAXES	162,284											162,284
TAX OFFICE FEES & CHARGES	18,565											18,565
ELECTRIC LIENS	410											410
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>7,554,445</b>											<b>7,554,445</b>
<b>FEES AND CHARGES:</b>												
ASSESSORS	111											111
TOWN CLERK	14,600											14,600
CONSERVATION	9,169											9,169
PLANNING BOARD	6,400											6,400
POLICE	5,924											5,924
CEMETERY	10,570											10,570
RECREATION	437											437
SELECTMEN	34,820											34,820
FIRE	4,510											4,510
BUILDING INSPECTOR	164,491											164,491
BOARD OF HEALTH	58,762											58,762
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>308,894</b>											<b>308,894</b>
<b>STATE REVENUE:</b>												
POLICE INCENTIVE	21,394											21,394
LOCAL AID	159,272											159,272
LOTTERY	203,423											203,423
HOTEL TAX	75,826											75,826
MISC	27,765											27,765
STATE OWNED LAND	3,318											3,318
VETERANS	350											350
BLIND	1,050											1,050
ELDERLY	350											350
SCHOOL AID CHAP 70	236,945											236,945
SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION	19,066											19,066
TUITION STATE WARDS	5,302											5,302
HIGHWAY	48,518											48,518
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>802,609</b>											<b>802,609</b>



# CASH DISBURSEMENTS

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1996

ACCOUNT NUMBER	TITLE	CARRY FORWARD	ORIG. BUDGET	NET TRANSFERS	Y-T-D EXPENDED	ACCOUNT BALANCE
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>						
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		100.00		100.00	
114	TOWN MODERATOR		100.00		100.00	
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		95,023.00		94,678.29	344.71
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	2,500.00	17,050.00		18,401.60	1,148.40
5400	SUPPLIES		1,400.00		1,400.00	
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	4,650.49	31,380.00		30,184.28	5,846.21
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY	57,574.66		12,090.31	40,061.69	29,603.28
122	SELECTMEN	64,725.15	144,853.00	12,090.31	184,725.86	36,942.60
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		900.00		900.00	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		115.00			115.00
5400	SUPPLIES		100.00			100.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		40,150.00	(40,000.00)	115.00	35.00
131	FINANCE COMMITTEE		41,265.00	(40,000.00)	1,015.00	250.00
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		48,565.00		48,326.92	238.08
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	234.64	2,270.00		2,213.44	291.20
5400	SUPPLIES		600.00		547.67	52.33
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		375.00		364.43	10.57
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY	756.83			616.41	140.42
135	TOWN ACCOUNTANT	991.47	51,810.00		52,068.87	732.60
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		73,071.00		72,584.05	486.95
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		8,060.00	9,850.00	6,754.53	11,155.47
5400	SUPPLIES		1,350.00		849.03	500.97
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	635.00	2,300.00		1,514.67	1,420.33
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY	12,120.62	10,000.00	4,000.00	25,373.00	747.62
141	ASSESSORS	12,755.62	94,781.00	13,850.00	107,075.28	14,311.34
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		82,082.00		82,081.80	0.20
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	22,455.53	11,700.00	15,000.00	26,388.02	22,767.51
5400	SUPPLIES		2,500.00		2,497.22	2.78
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		6,925.00		358.80	6,566.20
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY		8,500.00		8,500.00	
145	TREASURER/COLLECTOR	22,455.53	111,707.00	15,000.00	119,825.84	29,336.69
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		11,500.00		11,500.00	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		8,500.00		8,500.00	
151	TOWN COUNSEL		20,000.00		20,000.00	
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		600.00		600.00	
5400	SUPPLIES		80.00			80.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		20.00			20.00
152	PERSONNEL BOARD		700.00		600.00	100.00
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		39,291.00		39,290.84	0.16
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		2,200.00		2,116.40	83.60
5400	SUPPLIES	74.29	850.00		899.28	25.01
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		400.00		400.00	
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY		1,500.00		1,500.00	
161	TOWN CLERK	74.29	44,241.00		44,206.52	108.77

ACCOUNT NUMBER	TITLE	CARRY FORWARD	ORIG. BUDGET	NET TRANSFERS	Y-T-D EXPENDED	ACCOUNT BALANCE
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		6,285.00		6,284.70	0.30
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		3,500.00		3,500.00	
5400	SUPPLIES		450.00		391.46	58.54
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY		1,200.00		1,200.00	
162	ELECTIONS		11,435.00		11,376.16	58.84
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		3,330.00		2,174.39	1,155.61
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		5,750.00		5,231.72	518.28
5400	SUPPLIES		100.00		359.28	(259.28)
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		350.00		344.74	5.26
171	CONSERVATION COMMISSION		9,530.00		8,110.13	1,419.87
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		8,980.00		8,961.99	18.01
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		2,350.00		1,807.83	542.17
5400	SUPPLIES		500.00		490.44	9.56
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		3,915.00		3,189.05	725.95
175	PLANNING BOARD		15,745.00		14,449.31	1,295.69
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		6,725.00		6,725.00	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		2,800.00		2,376.97	423.03
5400	SUPPLIES		200.00		172.94	27.06
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		60.00		50.00	10.00
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY					
176	BOARD OF APPEALS		9,785.00		9,324.91	460.09
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		100.00			100.00
181	INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMIS.		100.00			100.00
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES	1,208.40	4,600.00		3,498.84	2,309.56
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	3,700.03	25,950.00		25,733.12	3,916.91
5400	SUPPLIES		6,100.00		6,198.74	(98.74)
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		600.00		507.61	
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY					
192	TOWN BUILDING	4,908.43	37,250.00		35,938.31	6,220.12
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		7,000.00	3,000.00	9,053.15	946.85
195	TOWN REPORT		7,000.00	3,000.00	9,053.15	946.85
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	440.00	11,000.00		10,400.00	1,040.00
196	AUDIT	440.00	11,000.00		10,400.00	1,040.00
5400	SUPPLIES		350.00		108.16	241.84
197	CHRISTMAS LIGHTS		350.00		108.16	241.84
5400	SUPPLIES		50,000.00		50,000.00	
199	STREET LIGHTS		50,000.00		50,000.00	
100	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	106,550.40	661,852.00	3,940.51	878,377.60	93,586.30

PUBLIC SAFETY

5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		563,302.00		515,751.98	47,550.02
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		48,253.00		44,576.77	3,676.23
5400	SUPPLIES		18,885.00		18,315.99	569.01
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		14,885.00		14,885.00	
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY		21,100.00	10,746.00	2,311.64	29,534.36
210	POLICE		666,425.00	10,746.00	595,841.38	81,329.62
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		558,342.00		551,332.77	7,009.23
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		28,700.00	22,500.00	49,638.39	1,561.61
5400	SUPPLIES		21,935.00		21,772.89	162.11
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		2,950.00		2,854.11	95.89
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY	1,438.19	19,500.00		19,409.55	1,528.64
220	FIRE	1,438.19	631,427.00	22,500.00	645,007.71	10,357.48

ACCOUNT NUMBER	TITLE	CARRY FORWARD	ORIG. BUDGET	NET TRANSFERS	Y-T-D EXPENDED	ACCOUNT BALANCE
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES	2,139.25	67,107.00		69,238.36	7.89
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		2,339.00		2,033.74	305.26
5400	SUPPLIES		500.00		492.62	7.38
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		6,130.00		5,530.00	600.00
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY					
241	BUILDING INSPECTOR	2,139.25	76,076.00		77,294.72	920.53
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		100.00			100.00
291	CIVIL DEFENSE		100.00			100.00
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		11,196.00		11,196.00	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	396.34	4,000.00		4,396.34	
5400	SUPPLIES		725.00		725.00	
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		1,800.00		1,799.31	0.69
292	ANIMAL CONTROL	396.34	17,721.00		18,116.65	0.69
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		100.00		100.00	
296	CONSTABLE		100.00		100.00	
<b>200</b>	<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>3,973.78</b>	<b>1,391,849.00</b>	<b>33,246.00</b>	<b>1,336,380.46</b>	<b>92,708.32</b>
<b>EDUCATION</b>						
301	SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	120,270.63	193,580.00		311,275.33	2,575.30
302	MASCONOMET		1,721,338.00	1,384.00	1,722,722.00	
351	1000 SERIES-SCHOOL COMMITTEE		105,441.00		108,908.92	(3,467.92)
352	2000 SERIES: REG. DAY-TEACHING		1,292,813.00		1,360,299.81	(67,486.81)
353	3000 SERIES: REG. DAY-HEALTH SERVICES		114,392.00	33,088.00	148,407.10	(927.10)
354	4000 SERIES: CUSTODIAL SERVICES		164,028.00		173,443.05	(9,415.05)
355	5000 SERIES: INSURANCE		41,000.00		41,000.00	
357	7000 SERIES: REPAIR/REPLACE EQUIP.					
362	2000 SERIES: SPECIAL EDUCATION		334,310.00		267,492.12	66,817.88
363	3000 SERIES: SPECIAL EDUC. TRANSP.		46,420.00		28,514.42	17,905.58
369	9000 SERIES: SPEC. ED. OOD/THERAPY		113,875.00		119,876.88	(6,001.88)
<b>300</b>	<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>120,270.63</b>	<b>4,127,197.00</b>	<b>34,472.00</b>	<b>4,281,939.63</b>	<b>(0.00)</b>
<b>PUBLIC WORKS &amp; FACILITIES</b>						
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		325,277.00		303,985.70	21,291.30
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		67,600.00		128,279.69	(60,679.69)
5400	SUPPLIES	12,651.24	122,050.00		130,626.60	4,074.64
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		22,300.00		22,247.32	52.68
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY	135,217.85	196,000.00	108,500.00	277,282.10	162,435.75
420	DPW - ADMINISTRATION	147,869.09	733,227.00	108,500.00	862,421.41	127,174.68
<b>400</b>	<b>PUBLIC WORKS &amp; FACIL</b>	<b>147,869.09</b>	<b>733,227.00</b>	<b>108,500.00</b>	<b>862,421.41</b>	<b>127,174.68</b>
<b>HUMAN SERVICES</b>						
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		75,951.00		73,831.33	2,119.67
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		9,450.00		6,515.86	2,934.14
5400	SUPPLIES		1,000.00		1,275.06	(275.06)
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	85,790.59	176,650.00		162,001.94	100,438.65
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY		5,000.00	600,000.00	255,674.00	349,326.00
511	BOARD OF HEALTH	85,790.59	268,051.00	600,000.00	499,298.19	454,543.40



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5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		47,570.00		47,314.41	255.59
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		4,260.00		2,963.14	1,296.86
5400	SUPPLIES		1,920.00	178.00	2,231.21	(133.21)
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		3,400.00		2,910.95	489.05
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY	2,836.60	1,200.00		2,836.60	1,200.00
541	COUNCIL ON AGING	2,836.60	58,350.00	178.00	58,256.31	3,108.29
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		6,713.00		6,713.00	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		105.00		64.00	41.00
5400	SUPPLIES		170.00		59.00	111.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		6,550.00		1,048.50	5,501.50
543	VETERANS AGENT		13,538.00		7,884.50	5,653.50
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		10,816.00		10,816.00	
545	SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY FUNDING		10,816.00		10,816.00	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		1,000.00		1,000.00	
546	ABUSED WOMEN		1,000.00		1,000.00	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		1,500.00			1,500.00
547	HANDI RIDE		1,500.00			1,500.00
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		1,500.00		1,435.80	64.20
548	GARDEN CLUB		1,500.00		1,435.80	64.20
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		2,500.00		2,250.00	250.00
549	LOCAL CABLE		2,500.00		2,250.00	250.00
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		500.00			500.00
550	NO SHORE TRANSPORTATION FORCE		500.00			500.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES					
692	MEMORIAL DAY					
500	HUMAN SERVICES	88,627.19	357,755.00	600,178.00	580,940.80	465,519.39

#### CULTURE & RECREATION

5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		115,062.00		112,389.92	2,672.08
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		15,180.00		15,179.56	0.44
5400	SUPPLIES		40,500.00		40,494.16	5.84
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		800.00		800.00	
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY		12,000.00		11,685.00	315.00
610	LIBRARY		183,542.00		180,548.64	2,993.36
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		4,892.00	650.00	4,774.48	767.52
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		5,850.00		5,529.53	320.47
5400	SUPPLIES		750.00		722.23	27.77
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	1,500.00	4,800.00		3,990.23	2,309.77
630	RECREATION COMMISSION	1,500.00	16,292.00	650.00	15,016.47	3,425.53
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		300.00		11.00	289.00
691	HISTORICAL COMMISSION		300.00		11.00	289.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		2,500.00		2,500.00	
692	MEMORIAL DAY		2,500.00		2,500.00	
600	CULTURE & RECREATION	1,500.00	202,634.00	650.00	198,076.11	6,707.89

#### DEBT SERVICE

5900	DEBT SERVICE		125,000.00		125,000.00	
710	DEBT SERVICE		125,000.00		125,000.00	



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5900	DEBT SERVICE		44,150.00	140,524.00	184,674.00	
750	INTEREST		44,150.00	140,524.00	184,674.00	
<b>700</b>	<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>		<b>188,150.00</b>	<b>140,524.00</b>	<b>308,674.00</b>	

#### INTERGOVERNMENTAL

5600	INTERGOVERNMENTAL				7,872.00	(7,872.00)
820	STATE ASSESS. & CHARGES				7,872.00	(7,872.00)
5600	INTERGOVERNMENTAL				58,796.04	(58,796.04)
830	COUNTY ASSESS. & CHARGES				58,796.04	(58,796.04)
5600	INTERGOVERNMENTAL				116,307.00	(116,307.00)
840	OTHER ASSESS. & CHARGES				116,307.00	(116,307.00)
<b>800</b>	<b>INTERGOVERNMENTAL</b>				<b>182,975.04</b>	<b>(182,975.04)</b>

#### MISCELLANEOUS

5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		224,000.00		223,906.00	94.00
911	RETIREMENT		224,000.00		223,906.00	94.00
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		7,000.00		6,071.02	928.98
913	UNEMPLOYMENT		7,000.00		6,071.02	928.98
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		326,000.00		236,968.41	89,031.59
914	HEALTH INSURANCE		326,000.00		236,968.41	89,031.59
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		2,200.00		2,200.00	
915	LIFE INSURANCE		2,200.00		2,200.00	
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		24,500.00		24,453.39	46.61
916	MEDICARE/DEP TAX		24,500.00		24,453.39	46.61
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	50,000.00	100,000.00		77,095.22	72,904.78
945	LIABILITY INSURANCE	50,000.00	100,000.00		77,095.22	72,904.78
<b>900</b>	<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>	<b>683,700.00</b>		<b>570,694.04</b>	<b>163,005.96</b>

#### REFUNDS

1210	PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES				161.73	(161.73)
1220	REAL ESTATE TAXES				423,989.49	(423,989.49)
1260	MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE				44,052.85	(44,052.85)
971	TAX REFUNDS				468,204.07	(468,204.07)
2100	PAYROLL WITHHOLDINGS				1,921,658.35	(1,921,658.35)
981	PAYROLL WITHHOLDING TURNSOVERS				1,921,658.35	(1,921,658.35)
2400	DUE TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS				48,612.55	(48,612.55)
2580	OTHER LIABILITIES				2,666.72	
2700	NOTES PAYABLE				4,550,000.00	(4,550,000.00)
3590	UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE				14,676.53	(14,676.53)
3900	FUND BALANCE ACTUAL				2,934.50	(2,934.50)
4980	TRANSFER TO OTHER FUNDS				180,150.28	(180,150.28)
983	OTHER ITEMS				4,799,040.58	(4,799,040.58)
2580	OTHER LIABILITIES				50,068.14	(50,068.14)
984	BALANCE SHEET RECEIPTS				50,068.14	(50,068.14)
<b>980</b>	<b>BALANCE SHEET ITEMS</b>				<b>6,770,787.07</b>	<b>(6,770,787.07)</b>

<b>1</b>	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		<b>518,591.18</b>	<b>6,327,184.00</b>	<b>921,810.31</b>	<b>15,772,229.06</b>	<b>(6,004,960.57)</b>
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### REVOLVING FUNDS

5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY					
221	FIRE ALARM INSTALLATIONS				17,038.88	(17,038.88)
200	PUBLIC SAFETY				17,038.88	(17,038.88)
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				79,328.88	(79,328.88)
5400	SUPPLIES				9,981.67	(9,981.67)
303	SCHOOL LUNCH				89,310.55	(89,310.55)
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				79,937.18	(79,937.18)
5400	SUPPLIES					
306	PRE SCHOOL PROGRAM				79,937.18	(79,937.18)
5400	SUPPLIES				21,363.27	(21,363.27)
307	HOWE-MANNING REVOLVING A/C				21,363.27	(21,363.27)
22	REVOLVING FUNDS				207,849.88	(207,849.88)

### RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROP.

5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY					
2200	FIRE				424.35	(424.35)
200	PUBLIC SAFETY				424.35	(424.35)
23	RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROP				424.35	(424.35)

### SCHOOL GRANTS

5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				1,382.00	(1,382.00)
301	SCHOOL DEPARTMENT				1,382.00	(1,382.00)
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				5.00	(5.00)
5400	SUPPLIES				1,114.00	(1,114.00)
316	CHAP. 11 ECIA PL97-35				1,119.00	(1,119.00)
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				33,989.26	(33,989.26)
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES				1,023.00	(1,023.00)
321	PL 94-142				35,012.26	(35,012.26)
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				44,943.90	(44,943.90)
322	TITLE 1 LOW INCOME				44,943.90	(44,943.90)
5400	SUPPLIES				3,490.05	(3,490.05)
327	CH 188 EARLY CHILDHD GRANT				3,490.05	(3,490.05)
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				2,342.95	(2,342.95)
328	SPED EARLY CHILDHD COORD				2,342.95	(2,342.95)
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES				75.00	(75.00)
336	SPEC. REG. TECHN. ASST.				75.00	(75.00)
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				12,230.00	(12,230.00)
339	GUIDANCE COUNSELOR				12,230.00	(12,230.00)
24	SCHOOL GRANTS				85,582.90	(85,582.90)



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### OTHER GRANTS

4540	FEDERAL REVENUE - DIRECT				19,169.50	
5400	SUPPLIES					
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY				16,443.07	(16,443.07)
122	SELECTMEN				35,612.57	(35,612.57)
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES				3,000.00	(3,000.00)
136	ARTS LOTTERY COUNCIL				3,000.00	(3,000.00)
100	GENERAL GOVERNMENT				38,612.57	(38,612.57)
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES			16,977.44	20,077.47	(3,100.03)
5400	SUPPLIES	10,192.83			12,373.73	(2,180.90)
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY	32,735.25			8,852.65	23,882.60
210	POLICE	42,928.08		16,977.44	41,303.85	18,601.67
200	PUBLIC SAFETY	42,928.08		16,977.44	41,303.85	18,601.67
5400	SUPPLIES	5,325.00				5,325.00
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY	135,385.56	186,425.00		145,150.16	176,660.40
420	DPW-ADMINISTRATION	140,710.56	186,425.00		145,150.16	181,985.40
400	PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES	140,710.56	186,425.00		145,150.16	181,985.40
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES				3,413.38	(3,413.38)
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY					
541	COUNCIL ON AGING				3,413.38	(3,413.38)
500	HUMAN SERVICES				3,413.38	(3,413.38)
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES				7,416.25	(7,416.25)
613	LIBRARY MEG/LIG GRANTS				7,416.25	(7,416.25)
600	CULTURE AND RECREATION				7,416.25	(7,416.25)

400	PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES	140,710.56	186,425.00		145,150.16	181,985.40
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### WATER SPECIAL REVENUE

5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		29,000.00		3,000.00	26,000.00
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		600.00		195.00	405.00
5400	SUPPLIES	34,100.29	20,000.00		12,772.00	41,328.29
5700	OTHERS CHARGES & EXPENSES		650.00		392.50	257.50
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY	15,000.00	221,000.00			236,000.00
5900	DEBT SERVICE		38,783.00		55,082.50	(16,299.50)
451	WATER DEPARTMENT	49,100.29	310,033.00		71,442.00	287,691.29
400	PUBLIC WORKS AND FACIL.	49,100.29	310,033.00		71,442.00	287,691.29

400	PUBLIC WORKS AND FACIL.	49,100.29	310,033.00		71,442.00	287,691.29
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### CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

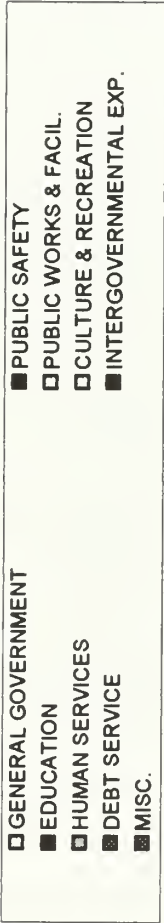
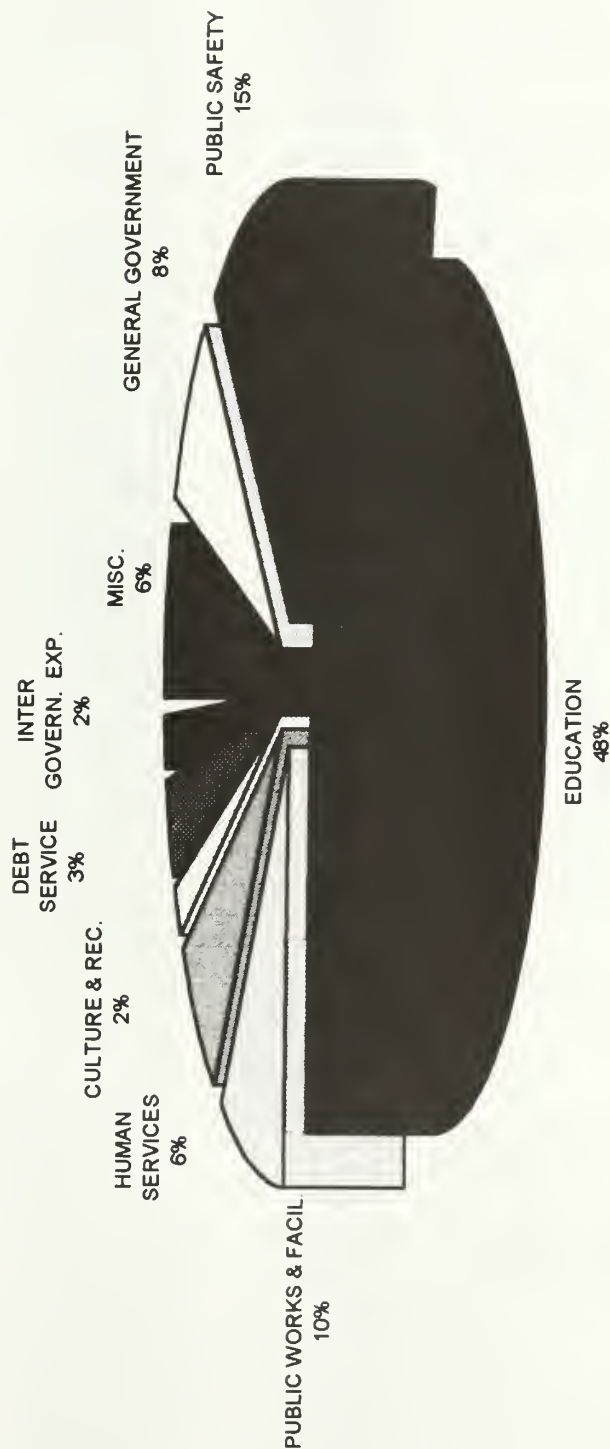
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY	313,688.04	5,685,000.00		1,336,206.14	4,662,481.90
301	SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	313,688.04	5,685,000.00		1,336,206.14	4,662,481.90
300	EDUCATION	313,688.04	5,685,000.00		1,336,206.14	4,662,481.90
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY				21,199.37	(21,199.37)
511	BOARD OF HEALTH				21,199.37	(21,199.37)
500	HUMAN SERVICES				21,199.37	(21,199.37)

300	EDUCATION	313,688.04	5,685,000.00		1,336,206.14	4,662,481.90
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ACCOUNT NUMBER	TITLE	CARRY FORWARD	ORIG. BUDGET	NET TRANSFERS	Y-T-D EXPENDED	ACCOUNT BALANCE
<b>ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT</b>						
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				616,725.11	(616,725.11)
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES				5,877,811.69	(5,877,811.69)
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES				1,998,721.41	(1,998,721.41)
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY					
5900	DEBT SERVICE				187,450.00	(187,450.00)
460	ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT				8,680,708.21	(8,680,708.21)
400	PUBLIC WORKS AND FACIL.				8,680,708.21	(8,680,708.21)
1330	ELECTRIC LIENS				49.00	(49.00)
972	UTILITY REFUNDS				49.00	(49.00)
970	REFUNDS				49.00	(49.00)
<b>NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND</b>						
82	NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND					
<b>EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND</b>						
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES				350.00	(350.00)
304	SCHOLARSHIP FUND				350.00	(350.00)
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES				3,310.77	(3,310.77)
631	MANSFIELD CHARITY FUND				3,310.77	(3,310.77)
<b>AGENCY FUND</b>						
4840	OTHER MISC. REVENUE				3,228.25	(3,228.25)
161	TOWN CLERK				3,228.25	(3,228.25)
2550	GUARANTEE DEPOSITS				58,895.87	(58,895.87)
175	PLANNING BOARD				58,895.87	(58,895.87)
2550	GUARANTEE DEPOSITS				2,430.00	(2,430.00)
511	BOARD OF HEALTH				2,430.00	(2,430.00)
100	GENERAL GOVERNMENT				64,554.12	(64,554.12)
2580	OTHER LIABILITIES				48,137.47	(48,137.47)
982	OUTSIDE DETAIL TURNS				48,137.47	(48,137.47)
1331	WATER LIENS					
2400	DUE TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS				12,181.23	(12,181.23)
983	OTHER ITEMS				12,181.23	(12,181.23)
980	BALANCE SHEET ITEMS				60,318.70	(60,318.70)
<b>TOWN TOTAL</b>						
		1,083,016.16	12,208,522.00	138,457.73	20,510,817.71	(18,597,799.81)



GENERAL FUND ANALYSIS



## TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

Balance to General Ledger  
as of 6/30/96 \$7,762,197.01

Interest earned  
from General Fund 258,313.00

Collections from  
Tax Title accounts 133,413.00

Interest collected from  
Tax Title accounts 46,092.00

### **AMBULANCE FUND**

Balance as of 06/30/95 198,343.19

Balance as of 06/30/96 168,343.00

### **300th ANNIVERSARY**

Balance as of 06/30/95 4,180.30

Balance as of 06/30/96 0

### **FANNIE ETTER FUND**

Balance as of 06/30/95 52,415.50

Balance as of 06/30/96 52,747.00

### **CEMETERY ENDOWMENT FUND**

Balance as of 06/30/95 102,752.33

Balance as of 06/30/96 94,395.00

### **DAVID CUMMINGS FUND**

Balance as of 06/30/95 42,807.95

Balance as of 06/30/96 44,793.00

### **STABILIZATION FUND**

Balance as of 06/30/95 29,225.69

Balance as of 06/30/96 180,150.00

The following is a list of all town employees  
and their earnings ending 06/30/96

Abbott	Donald L., Jr.	547.50
Acciavatti	Thomas	22,055.69
Ajootian	Richard O.	3,599.88
Aldenberg	Robert	62,655.80
Aloisio	Jane F.	63.00
Amero	Mary Anne	46,822.94
Anderson	Aniela E.	1,122.00
Anderson	Dian A.	77.00
Arathuzik	David E.	12,734.72
Archung	Christine M.	647.36
Armitage	Paul	64,773.44
Ashley	Irene J.	4,877.99
Averg	Nancy A.	1,068.75
Badavas	Nancy	44.10
Bakoian	Eileen	543.18
Barber	Jeffrey	17,531.86
Bastable	Alison	3,318.32
Bastable	James	7,704.68
Bastable	Richard M.	4,359.84
Beauparlant	H. Peter	3,114.77
Beauparlant	Tara C.	175.00
Begin	Stacey	31,427.41
Belgiorno	Stephen	49,099.57
Bertino	Anthony G.	14,028.84
Besen	Lisa A.	4,560.00
Bettencourt	Dina A.	10,789.64
Bilicki	Janet M.	7,715.79
Black	John	22,051.44
Blaus	Eduards E.	50.00
Boni	Melanie J.	100.00
Bouchard	Andrew	7,849.79
Bouchard	Henry	56,077.29
Brochu	Kathryn	14,341.54
Brockelbank	Roger S.	988.00
Brunaccini	Kathleen	9,228.50
Buckley	Francine	35.70
Burditt	Christine M.	14,765.71
Cameron	David D.	4,761.00
Cameron	Debra	28,897.92
Carpenter	Ronald S.	47,312.53
Carter	Aimee L.	3,759.04
Cashman	Shirley	23,949.67
Cashman	William F.	11,872.90
Cerullo	Mary Ellen	2,026.18
Charlton	Vickie A.	16,750.88
Christianson	Christina A.	3,207.44
Christopher	Eric	12,101.65
Cleveland	Tracy N.	3,292.00

Clinch	Charles III	12,425.46
Clinch	Charles IV	44,353.96
Clough	Craig W.	6,901.07
Clough	William	17,254.13
Cloutier	Michael J.	38,083.12
Colby	Jeannette	979.38
Colosi	Joanne M.	1,525.00
Comeau	Susan	50.00
Connelly	Joseph J.	24,670.62
Connery	Deborah A.	2,380.40
Corey	William	65,594.72
Cormier	Leo	40,905.67
Correia	Manuel F.	11,155.01
Corso	Lisa M.	249.00
Costas	Susan F.	11,643.64
Costigan	Charles	5,169.73
Couture	Ann M.	9,036.12
Couture	Edward	48,814.10
Creeden	Bernard F.	20,605.39
Crosbie	Timothy H.	2,000.32
Crounse	Janice A.	8,487.42
Cunningham	John A.	240.00
Cunningham	Kristeen Y.	405.36
Currier	Carolyn	217.57
Currier	Robert A.	39,005.06
Daniels	Anne Farrell	16,210.50
Davie	Theresa	29,119.84
Davis	Mary P.	1,542.75
De Vas	Stephanie C.	48.00
Dealy	Ruth O.	14,997.15
DeCosta	James	45,239.72
Deeley	Barbara	35,092.13
Dellea	Cindy	9,441.36
Di Pietro	Douglas A.	1,261.25
Diamond	Eric A.	1,549.00
DiGianvittorio	James	52,400.59
Dion	Gayle	100.00
Ditto	Jane	51,401.87
Donovan	Douglas	3,275.39
Dow	George E., Sr.	170.42
Doyle	Deborah S.	50.00
Driscoll	Catherine	48,634.57
Drysdale	Roger E.	600.00
Dugan	Kimberly	25,645.99
Dukehart	Helen A.	17.55
Dupont	Cynthia A.	4,250.00
Durham	Stephen H.	1,599.96
Farley	George	6,815.72
Farley	Gwen E.	490.00
Farley	Mary	10,829.04
Ferreira	Leonard J.	56,216.61

Fitzpatrick	Michelle M.	61,541.09
Fitzpatrick	Terry Ann	6,348.54
Flynn	Ann Marie	408.48
Flynn	Catherine M.	323.68
Flynn	Lesley A.	120.00
Flynn	Patti A.	8,952.37
Focks	Cynthia	856.75
Foley	Judy	43,859.61
Fontaine	Violet	79.80
Fox	Robert	72.45
Francis	Peter B.	7,578.12
Frazier	Rachel	1,535.04
Freedman	Helen L.	24,702.97
Fuller	Jennifer	38,351.78
Gabriel	Mary An	7.00
Gallerie	Judy	16,029.90
Galvin	Barry J.	3,131.59
Garber	Joan	15,580.02
Geisler	Deborah M.	600.00
Gentile	Rosemary A.	4,734.90
George	Sarah B.	28,191.59
Gerrior	Karen	190.00
Gettings	Patricia	3,655.69
Gettings	Laura	1,639.00
Gibbons	Kenneth J.	51,129.58
Gilardi	Jennifer	14,533.88
Gillespie	Cheryl L.	2,076.93
Glavin	Maureen	6,275.67
Glover	Richard M.	1,124.00
Gould	Ricky	33,049.12
Grady	Ruth	250.00
Gravallese	Muriel V.	27,661.08
Gray	William F.	3,613.00
Guthrie	Carol A.	3,378.00
Haines	Patricia R.	11,771.97
Haley	Gayle F.	47,377.68
Halsey	Susan H.	3,910.11
Hamilton	Mary	72.45
Hamilton	Paula L.	2,644.00
Hannon	Deborah	218.46
Hannon	James	8,311.34
Heckman	Elizabeth	11,364.00
Hekimian	Diane	45,919.17
Hobey	Kelly A.	29,822.92
Hocter	Faith S.	637.71
Hocter	Lorayne	174.20
Hocter	Mary	1,430.00
Hocter	Nancy L.	74.97
Hosman	James G.	1,974.98
Hull	Greg	31,558.63
Husson	Kevin M.	25,635.99

Inglis	A. Stephen	227.13
Innis	Donna	28,638.49
Jasinski	Amy L.	232.00
Johnson	Claudia	19,890.04
Jones	Alfred	1,308.62
Jones	John	43,769.21
Jones	Nancy	7,114.96
Jones	Banning N.	2,076.48
Joseph	Frederick P.	300.72
Kahmann	Kathleen D.	1,750.00
Kallock	Maria A.	110.00
Karolides	Nancy	1,430.00
Kassiotis	Richard W., Jr.	2,891.68
Kassiotis	Richard	2,458.31
Keane	Linda M.	400.00
Kelley	James	2,640.66
Kelley	William E.	70,748.08
Kennedy	Louise	39,976.87
Kilroy	Paul G.	59,694.86
King	Louise	51,401.87
Kunz	Arlene	142.28
L'Abbe	Jeffrey T.	200.00
Labastie	Sharon	7,717.67
Lackey	Karen P.	800.00
Langis	Sally	131.25
Laporte	Richard J.	50.00
Lattime	Gardner F.	435.00
Lawrence	Tammy A.	468.00
Leary	David T.	66,814.13
Leary	Florence M.	25,231.36
LeClerc	Catherine D.	9,508.93
LeColst	Douglas K.	12,550.70
LeColst	Kenneth	38,140.53
Lemoine	Tara A.	1,330.00
Lennon	Diane	8,700.12
Lenzie	A. David	650.00
Lenzie	Jacqueline	28,984.62
Lewis	Georgia	300.00
Lishner	Sheila A.	4,511.75
Lord	Stuart H., Jr.	650.00
Lordan	Jeanne	31,382.57
Lordan	Kate	1,749.00
Lordan	Megan M.	885.04
Lougee	George A.	6,051.97
Lueke	Maureen P.	12,202.86
MacCarthy	Sharon M.	1,805.38
Macera	Donna	50.00
Magnifico	Justin A.	3,945.56
Maguire	Michael C.	50.00
Marques	Gary W.	4,600.00
Marshall	Dale	23,737.52

Marshall	James E.	9,058.80
Martinuk	Thomas	11,359.34
Masi	Sandra J.	6,433.21
Mathews	Douglas H.	600.00
Matola	Linda J.	7,472.69
Matthews	Shirley	17,951.70
McGuire	William F.	4,203.12
McCarthy	Christian H.	50.00
McCarthy	Faith J.	4,976.53
McCarthy	Ryan	115.36
McCormack	Lily G.	26,595.17
McGuire	Arthur E.	1,232.00
McNichol	Karen L.	58.00
McParland	Nancy Ann	24,326.13
McParland	Thomas M.	6,011.38
Melancon	Cynthia J.	31,747.57
Melason	Christine E.	50.00
Melville	Jill E.	103.25
Mendes	Richard A.	3,367.97
Michalski	Henry, Jr.	56,726.24
Michalski	Kathleen	9,830.30
Michalski	Laura P.	101.01
Micherone	Robin	907.50
Milberry	Alice	1,240.00
Miller	Carlotta S.	51,401.87
Miller	James	4,199.74
Moline	Kathleen M.	100.00
Moline	Pamela J.	12,854.92
Montani	Ann M.	21,170.40
Morin	Ernest V.	31,002.92
Morrin	Mary Jane	250.00
Mortalo	Maria	732.16
Mortalo	Maureen	1,459.20
Mortalo	Pietro	1,192.95
Mugford	William	36,833.37
Muise	James	5,863.00
Mulligan	Eileen	25,171.78
Mulloy	Susan E.	6,277.08
Murphy	Robert	39,529.41
Murphy	Shirley	9,650.44
Napieracz	Beverly	49,703.78
Nash	Richard F.	10,577.52
Nathan	Norman	100.00
Neal	Priscilla C.	750.00
Newhall	Andrea	24,521.92
Newhall	Charles W.	37,885.35
Newhall	Karen L.	650.00
Norris	Jule S.	31,598.01
Novakowski	Frances J.	1,532.28
Nteta	Tatishe	2,287.38
O'Brien	Beth A.	5,690.00



O'Connell	Timothy	48,461.41
O'Conner	John J.	4,959.51
O'Connor	Jeralyn	40,819.15
O'Dowd	Jeanne A.	4,340.00
O'Leary	Allison B.	18,405.73
O'Leary	Cheryl A.	4,061.50
O'Neil	William P.	48,061.36
Ogden	David B.	42,053.32
Ogden	David, Jr.	8,734.93
Ohlson	Patricia	2,405.06
Olish	Deborah J.	2,394.00
Olmsted	Susan A.	14,436.26
Osgood	Glenn S.	8,345.13
Paris	Laurie J.	102.00
Pazar	Janet A.	128.00
Peachey	Betty M.	95.55
Peachey	Robert T., Jr.	35,223.56
Peachey	Robert T., Sr.	62,600.49
Pelletier	Albert G.	6,282.00
Pelletier	Marie G.	35,682.12
Pelletier	Patricia H.	14,729.49
Pelrine	Mary	45,086.36
Peters	Rebecca W.	260.00
Pierce	Frances B.	39,978.79
Poirier	Jeanne	49,194.18
Pollock	Sandra A.	7,577.96
Porter	Debra E.	2,415.35
Porter	Ellen B.	2,185.39
Porter	Sheryl	1,182.44
Pride	Matthew W.	55,339.85
Putnam	Barbara A.	26,963.27
Raynard	Shirley M.	16,628.45
Reardon	Christopher J.	1,734.00
Reardon	Kelly A.	3,439.05
Repucci	Linda M.	5,379.41
Rezza	John F.	8,346.35
Richardson	Ann	6,335.54
Richardson	Edward J.	39.27
Riley	Janet	42,294.16
Riley	Janet E.	2,242.70
Robinson	Craig	12,305.02
Rodham	Karen	44.10
Rogers	Jane V.	14,239.24
Rollins	Kenneth D.	55,448.04
Rosenthal	Judith	1,025.00
Roy	Dennis R.	52,521.16
Rubchinuk	Corey P.	1,331.10
Rubchinuk	Sandra M.	28,655.64
Ruegger	Kimberly V.	775.00
Salvo	Laurie J.	238.00
Santamaria	David P.	5,495.98

Sauliner	Raymond L.	8,156.39
Saulnier	Scott	33,592.72
Segal	Jerome A.	11,672.50
Shininger	Deanne	44,550.59
Shipley	Charlotte M.	9,051.31
Shurman	Marianne	3,545.11
Sideri	Nancy	699.48
Silva	Cheryl	34,985.87
Singer	Ira S.	56,707.29
Siniscal	Mary Ann	2,122.47
Skinner	Thomas E.	750.00
Skory	Steven A.	12,120.20
Sliney	Susan H.	418.25
Smith	William	6,417.76
Smith	Winifred F.	50.00
Snyder	Jean S.	50.00
Snyder Guilbault	Brooke M.	50.00
Sopper	Kimberly D.	4,689.50
Standring	Sheila	51,651.87
Stelline	Henry J., Jr.	420.75
Stephens	Christopher J.	125.00
Stevens	Barry T.	54,795.03
Stevens	Helen	1,510.76
Stickney	Kris Anne	1,135.78
Stratigakis	Anita	525.00
Sweeney	Tynne R.	14,394.62
Swift	Marcia	408.75
Talbot	Joyce G.	350.00
Thibault	Diane	691.50
Thompson	Carolyn Sue	2,510.00
Thompson	Robert L.	6,012.36
Thurber	Nancy L.	3,705.80
Tiemey	Alice P.	24,944.00
Tonello	Lorraine	11,038.84
Tramontozzi	Joanne	833.30
Turner	Meredith	19,962.85
Twiss	Frank	53,210.17
Twombly	Carol	8,666.12
Valcourt	Antonette	6,371.28
Wandell	Cheryl A.	150.00
Warnock	Christina K.	240.00
Watson	Marion C.	1,309.00
Wells	Cecily	141.12
Wetmore	Elizabeth F.	1,444.00
Wheatley	Janet C.	133.77
White	Carolyn	38,466.78
Wiberg	Cheryl M.	212.00
Williamson	Joyce	46,797.94
Wojciechowski	Christine S.	9,660.36

## TAX COLLECTOR

The Tax Collector's office collected \$7,222,238 for FY96, an increase of 8.8% over the previous year. This is the fourth year of quarterly billing which was implemented in 1993. Based on the collection rate of over 96%, compared to 91% for the previous years, this continues to be the best decision we made and has eliminated the need for the Town to borrow funds in anticipation of tax revenues.

Our Tax Title program continues to provide the security for the Town in protection of delinquent taxes from previous years. In FY96 we placed 12 parcels into Tax Title in the amount of \$13,804 compared to FY95 of 17 parcels at \$36,260. Our aggressive program of foreclosures continues in FY96.

Eleven parcels submitted to the Land Court have been foreclosed upon and deeded to the Town of Middleton.

The non-renewal program started in 1994 with the Registry of Motor Vehicles has allowed the Town to prevent any renewal of licenses or registration without all outstanding excise taxes being paid. Since the program is used in most other states, once the license or registration is marked this carries over to other states and prevents delinquents from obtaining a license or registration in that state. This year collections in this area are 148 non-renewals with outstanding taxes of \$12,910 being collected.

## MOTOR VEHICLE

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>BILLS ISSUED</u>	<u>DOLLARS COMMITTED</u>	<u>COLLECTIONS</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
1990	5,577	359,678	355,362	98.8%
1991	5,756	398,921	392,407	98.4%
1992	4,862	341,583	337,184	98.7%
1993	5,883	364,659	360,751	98.7%
1994	6,023	432,474	425,605	98.4%
1995	6,309	496,776	485,042	97.6%
1996 thru 6/30	5,323	421,663	386,292	91.6%

Excise tax rate is based on \$25 per \$1,000 valuation

Excise tax bills are produced from the Registry of Motor Vehicles and issued through each city or town in the State of Massachusetts.

## REAL ESTATE

1990	2,640	4,485,447	4,485,447	100.0%
1991	2,701	5,004,992	5,004,068	99.9%
1992	2,675	5,279,481	5,279,481	100.0%
1993	2,691	5,293,284	5,292,567	99.9%
1994	2,724 per qtr	5,666,242	5,665,219	99.9%
1995	2,815 per qtr	5,963,033	5,961,323	99.9%
1996 thru 6/30	2,891 per qtr	6,803,020	6,545,347	96.2%

Since 1993, real estate bills are issued quarterly.

Tax bills are due on August 1st, November 1st, February 1st and May 1st

Charles W. Newhall, Collector of Taxes

## BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The fiscal year 1996 (July 1, 1995 - June 30, 1996) was a revaluation year for the Town of Middleton. Current statute requires each community in The Commonwealth to complete a tri-annual revaluation of all property. The next revaluation for the Town of Middleton will be completed for Fiscal 1999 (July 1, 1998 - June 30, 1999).

The tax rate for Fiscal Year 1996 was \$12.90 (per thousand dollars of value) for all classes of property: residential, commercial, industrial and personal.

In the Fall of 1996, The Board of Assessors welcomed Kosta Prentakis to the Board. After accepting James Hosman's resignation, the Board of Selectman appointed Mr. Prentakis to serve on the Board of Assessors until Town Elections in May 1997. There will be two Board of Assessor positions on the ballot in May, one 2-year term and one 3-year term.

The following is a five year recap of tax related information and a summary, by class, of the Fiscal 1996 valuation and tax levy.

FY	VALUE REAL & PERSONAL	TAX RATE	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	CASH RECEIPTS	TAX LEVY
1992*	492,210,991	10.85	6,726,506	1,777,355	5,340,489
1993	482,486,191	11.16	7,072,726	2,237,202	5,384,546
1994	492,689,169	11.70	7,125,632	2,030,093	5,764,463
1995	520,869,973	12.00	8,189,058	2,390,122	6,250,440
1996*	536,722,094	12.90	9,022,809	2,681,905	6,923,715

\*Update year

### REPRESENTATIVE VALUE AND PERCENTAGE BY CLASS

CLASS	VALUE	PERCENT	TAX DOLLARS
Residential .....	399,156,455 .....	74%.....	\$5,149,118
Commercial .....	99,892,939 .....	19%.....	1,288,619
Industrial .....	27,168,390 .....	5%.....	350,472
Personal Property.....	10,504,310 .....	2%.....	135,506

**TOTAL.....\$536,722,094 ..... 100%..... \$6,923,715**

The effect of a one cent, ten cents or one dollar increase or decrease on the tax rate:

- An increase or decrease of \$5,367 had a \$.01 effect plus or minus.
- An increase or decrease of \$53,672 has a \$.10 effect plus or minus.
- An increase or decrease of \$536,722 has a \$1.00 effect plus or minus.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

## MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT

I hereby submit the following summary of the activity of the Police Department from July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1996:

### DEPARTMENT ROSTER

Robert T. Peachey, Sr., Chief of Police  
Paul F. Armitage, Sergeant  
Louis J. Fedullo, Sergeant  
James A. DiGianvittorio, Sergeant  
Henry A. Bouchard, Patrolman  
John E. Jones, Patrolman  
Edward M. Couture, Patrolman  
James J. DeCosta, Patrolman  
Robert A. Currier, Patrolman  
Gayle F. Haley, Patrolman  
Robert T. Peachey, Jr., Patrolman  
Ronald S. Carpenter, Patrolman

### RESERVE OFFICERS

James W. Kelley, Patrolman  
Leonard Ferreira, Patrolman  
William J. Corey, Patrolman  
Richard A. Mendes, Patrolman  
Richard W. Kassiotis, Patrolman  
Charles Costigan, Patrolman  
Raymond Saulnier, Patrolman  
Steven Skory, Patrolman  
David Arathuzik, Patrolman  
Thomas McParland, Patrolman

### PHOTOGRAPHER/FINGERPRINT TECHNICIAN

Robert T. Peachey, Sr., Chief of Police

### SAFETY OFFICER

Louis J. Fedullo, Sergeant  
Edward M. Couture, Patrolman

### TRAINING OFFICER

Paul F. Armitage, Sergeant

### JUVENILE OFFICER

John E. Jones, Patrolman

### DETECTIVE/COURT OFFICER / FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR

James A. DiGianvittorio, Sergeant

### DIRECTOR OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE / DARE OFFICER

Gayle F. Haley, Patrolman

### CLERK / DISPATCHERS

Nancy McParland  
Lorraine Tonello, Part Time

### SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS

Helen Stevens  
Manuel Correia  
Fran Novakowski  
Fred Joseph

### POLICE STATISTICS

July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1996

A & B With Weapon .....	3
Accident - Motor Vehicle/Bicycle .....	2
Accident - Hit & Run .....	19
Accident - Personal Injuries .....	49
Accident - No Personal Injuries .....	192
Accident - Pedestrian .....	1
Alarms - Business/Residential .....	666
Alarms - Internal .....	25
Ambulance Assistance .....	137
Annoying Calls .....	34
Animal Complaint .....	85
Armed Robbery While Masked .....	1
Area Check - Animal .....	19
Arson .....	3
Assault .....	13
Assist Agency .....	231
Assist Others .....	124
Attempt To Serve Process .....	15
Attempted Larceny .....	8
B & E - Building .....	15
B & E - Dwelling .....	6
B & E - Motor Vehicle .....	21
Bomb Threat .....	2



Building Check .....	77
Bus Passed .....	3
Class A Possession .....	1
Citizen Complaint .....	239
Class D Possession .....	1
Civil Matter .....	11
Civil Violation .....	18
Community Policing .....	3
Confidential Report .....	6
Cruiser Damage .....	1
Check Well Being .....	22
Domestic Abuse .....	4
Reported Death .....	4
Delegated Patrol .....	331
Detective Investigation .....	8
Disturbed Person .....	3
Disorderly/Disturbance .....	36
Domestic .....	49
Dispute .....	50
Disturbing the Peace .....	22
Illegal Dumping .....	5
Emergency Service .....	1
Erratic Operation .....	31
Fire Alarm .....	57
Family Offense .....	3
Off. Field Investigation .....	7
Forgery/Counterfeiting .....	2
Gathering/Riot .....	1
General Service .....	406
Harassment .....	20
Injury on Duty .....	1
Runaway .....	19
Child in Street .....	2
Tuant .....	2
Juvenile Offense .....	17
Kidnapping .....	1
Lewd/Lascivious .....	1
Larceny/Theft .....	147
Fraud/Bad Check .....	13
Larceny Bicycle .....	2
Liquor Check .....	1
Liquor Violation .....	12
Littering .....	3
Larceny from Motor Vehicle .....	2
Open Beverage .....	2
Purse Snatching .....	1
Shoplifting .....	26
Lost Item .....	25
Medical Aid .....	37
Messenger/Mail Delivery .....	55
Mischievous Activity .....	19
Malicious Destruction .....	55
Selective Enforcement .....	18
Missing Person .....	17

Motor Vehicle Complaint .....	151
Motor Vehicle - Disabled .....	180
Motor Vehicle - Repossession .....	1
Motor Vehicle - Stop .....	122
Motor Vehicle - Theft .....	15
Motor Vehicle - Noise Complaint .....	2
Notification .....	28
Noise Complaint .....	2
Parking Complaint /Violation .....	5
Protective Custody .....	17
Held Property .....	5
Missing Property .....	9
Receiving Stolen Property .....	4
Stolen Property .....	5
Property Found .....	30
Radar .....	4
Recreational Vehicle Violation .....	3
Repossession .....	7
Request Officer .....	10
Recovered Motor Vehicle .....	7
Road Obstruction .....	20
Robbery .....	3
Service 209A .....	28
Violation 209A .....	5
Receiving Stolen Property .....	2
Service Request .....	25
Indecent Exposure .....	2
Indecent A & B .....	5
Suspicious Motor Vehicle .....	53
Sex Offense .....	2
Solicitors .....	72
Stabbing .....	1
Stalking .....	1
Traffic Survey .....	1
Suicide Attempt .....	1
Serve Summons .....	7
Suspicious Person .....	60
Suspicious Activity .....	200
Threat .....	8
Towed Motor Vehicle .....	15
Citizen Transport .....	2
Trespassing .....	5
Unfounded Call .....	33
Unwanted Guest .....	5
Uttering .....	1
Vandalism .....	8
Vandalism Motor Vehicle .....	3
Warrant Arrest .....	30
Carrying Weapon .....	1
Discharge Weapon .....	2
Possess Weapon .....	1
Continued Investigations .....	143
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>4,923</b>

<b>ARRESTS:</b>	
Possession of Class A	1
Operating After Suspension	22
Operating After Revocation	7
Failure To Stop For Police Officer	1
Violation of Protective Order	3
Unlicensed Operation Of A Motor Vehicle	7
Assault & Battery On A Police Officer	1
Disorderly Persons	4
Shoplifting	6
Operating Under The Influence of Liquor	29
Assault with Intent To Murder	1
Possession of Class D	3
Operating Under The Influence of Drugs	1
Substance Abuser	1
Assault	1
Armed Robbery While Masked	1
Assault By Means Of A Dangerous Weapon	2
Assault And Battery	2
Larceny Over	2
Malicious Destruction Of Property Under	1
Warrant Arrests	23
Protective Custody	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>136</b>

#### **TOTAL POLICE STATISTICS**

**5,059**



#### **MOTOR VEHICLE INFRACTIONS**

Revoked Registration	52
Seat Belt Violations	52
Defective Equipment	68
Open Container Violation	2
Stop Light Violation	3
Head Light Violation	10

Mud Flap Violation	1
Motor Cycle Helmet Violation	1
License Plate Light Out	4
No Tail Light	2
Defective Windshield	5
Failure To Yield To Emergency Vehicle	2
Operating A Motor Vehicle On An Excluded Way	4
Giving False Name To Police Officer	3
Improper Flares	2
Failure To Use Care	7
Red Light Violation	499
Failure To Use Care On State Highway	27
Following Too Closely	5
Forged Inspection Sticker	2
Failure To Show License/Registration	3
Failure To Yield	3
Impeded Operation Of A Motor Vehicle	2
Failure To Slow At Intersection	4
Obstructed View	4
Failure To Use Right Lane	7
Left Turn Violation	12
Operating After Suspension	56
No License	29
Operating After Suspension (2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense)	1
Operating On A Revoked License	18
Operating After Revocation (2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense)	1
Operating After Suspension For OUIL	2
Operating A Motor Vehicle On Jr. License Hours	1
Operating A Motor Vehicle With A Restricted License	1
Failure To Use Care In Changing Lanes	9
Uncovered Load	1
Spilled Load	3
Hit & Run Property Damage Accident	6
Operating So As To Endanger	23
Operating Under The Influence of Liquor	29
Unauthorized Use Of A Motor Vehicle	2
Marked Lanes Violations	27
Failure To Operate Abreast	2
Failure To Notify RMV of Name Change	24
No License In Possession	64

No Registration In Possession	29
Harsh Noise	3
Passing Violation	54
Allowing Unlicensed Operator To Operate Vehicle	8
Failure To Stop For Pedestrian	5
Operating A Motor Vehicle While Wearing Headphones	1
Illegible License Plate	5
Failure To Display License Plate	20
Attaching Plates	21
Failure To Keep Right	16
Right Of Way Violation	6
School Bus Violation	21
Failure To Slow For Pedestrian	1
Speeding	927
Failure To Display License Plate Sticker	19
Inspection Sticker Violations	143
Violation of Safety Standards	504
Stop Sign Violations	54
Failure To Stop For Police Officer	6
Tandem Violation	1
Throwing Lighted Cigarette From Motor Vehicle	1
Throwing Object Onto Way	1
Tinted Glass Violation	17
Bald Tires	1
Tire Extension	1
Operating An Unregistered Motor Vehicle	152
Operating An Uninsured Motor Vehicle	60
Weaving Violation	3
Pedestrian/Crosswalk Violation	2
Yellow Light Violation	24
Failure To Yield/Right Turn	4
<b>Total Violations*</b>	<b>3,195</b>

\*Includes the following:

Warnings	269
Civil Infractions	2711
Complaint Applications	143
Arrests	71
Void	1

## FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR

Sgt. James A. DiGianvittorio

As Firearms Instructor for the Middleton Police Department I attended a Firearm Instructor Recertification Program which was given by the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council. This year a new program was instituted by the Council which puts more emphasis on actual shooting scenarios rather than just trying to put holes in a piece of paper. The Council has given instructors numerous courses to train with. The program I chose is a combination of combat shooting as well as real life confrontations. The goal is to make tactical shooters, rather than a target shooter.

In the past police officers were not taught multiple advisory (rapid firing) shootings. This year I will be instructing a program which will assist officers in case of multiple advisory confrontations. The Training Council has given instructors a bit



more leeway at the on-range portion of the qualifications. The Council requires all courses shot to be documented and submitted with the officer's final qualification score of 80% or better.

On October 18, 1995 and November 13, 1995 I conducted an In-Service Training Program where once again the officers had to demonstrate safe weapon handling, familiarity with the weapon and ability to disassemble, clean, inspect and reassemble the pistol.

On November 14, 1995 all members of the Middleton Police Department successfully completed the range portion of the program. Every officer scored 80% or better. I would like to add a special note of praise to Officers Couture and Currier and Reserve Officers Kelley and Corey for exceptional work at the range. All officers, **KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.**

Again this year the Middleton Police Department would like to thank the Danvers Fish and Game Club for their cooperation in assisting us in range time qualifications.

## HOME STORAGE OF FIREARMS

### Family Considerations:

If you have a family, your responsibility does not end with proper storage of firearms. It is necessary to educate family members regarding the responsibility of having firearms in the home and the safety considerations involved. In this case, education should attempt to place the firearm in the proper perspective for your spouse and children. The two extremes to be avoided are:

1. Do not make a firearm into a "forbidden fruit."
2. Do not treat it so lightly that a child will consider it a toy to play with.

The family should understand that it is a firearm with no innate quality of good or evil. Depending on how it is used it can be used to defend life or take it. Children over the age of four should be helped to understand that the real firearm is unlike the guns used to shoot each other with "cartoon guns". They don't get hurt or die. When people are shot with a real firearm they are seriously injured and could die. If your child has experienced death through the loss of a pet or a relative, you might use this as an example. This may be traumatic to the child and you. However, this is a small price to pay for the desired result - SAFETY.

Experience suggests that if one looks ahead and takes the time to plan for the unexpected, if the family members are educated about firearms and home safety rules are agreed upon, then a moment of carelessness may not result in tragedy.



## COURT LIAISON AND PROSECUTING OFFICER

Sgt. James A. DiGianvittorio

As a result of economic problems faced by the Commonwealth, District Attorney Kevin Burke's office asked each police department to designate an officer to function as a prosecutor at Salem District Court. I, Sgt. James A. DiGianvittorio, have filled that position for the past 6 years. Since March of 1990 I have been responsible for most all arraignments, bail arguments and complaints brought to Salem District Court by the Town of Middleton. It is my duty and responsibility to keep all officers informed of upcoming trials whether it be a trial by jury which is held at Peabody or Salem District Courts or a trial before a judge (Bench Trial) which is held at Salem District Court.

The Middleton Police Department would again like to thank the staff of Salem District Court: Clerk's Office, District Attorney's Office, Probation Department and Victim Witness Advocates for the fine cooperation this town has received again this year.

Also, I am proud to say that the Middleton Police Department is part of District Attorney Kevin Burke's pilot program put on by the Juvenile Diversion Program which is called "Youthful Offenders Program." This program is targeting Alcohol & Drug Offenses for youthful offenders aged 17-21. The program offers these youths an opportunity to participate in an educational group and community service instead of going through the court system. It is an innovative model which works with certain first-time juvenile offenders and their families by offering an alternative to the Juvenile Court System.



## **TRAINING OFFICER**

Sgt. Paul F. Armitage

The following is a synopsis of the training schedule of the department from July of 1995 through June of 1996:

In September of 1995 a class was held at the Police Station. The subject matter was C.P.R. Recertification. The class was instructed by Firefighter Paramedic Eric Christopher of the Middleton Fire Department.

In November of 1995 Firefighter Paramedic Eric Christopher again met with the officers at the Police Station. He instructed the first of two classes this year for First Responders.

In December of 1995 the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau presented a seminar at the Police Station. The officers in attendance were certified as having completed the Occupant Protection Usage and Enforcement Training Program.

In January of 1996 Sgt. Armitage and Officer Haley attended a seminar at Merrimack College which was presented by the Essex County District Attorney's Office. The subject matter was the Domestic Abuse Law.

In February of 1996 Firefighter Paramedic Eric Christopher instructed and re-certified the officers as First Responders. Also, at this class Sgt. Armitage and Officer Haley discussed with the officers their responsibilities under the Domestic Abuse Law and shared with the officers information gained from the previously mentioned Domestic Abuse Seminar. Sgt. Armitage brought the officers up-to-date on some new legislation and also made them aware of some recent court decisions.

In March of 1996 the officers viewed a tape presented by the Alzheimer's Association entitled "Safe Return". Sgt. Armitage reviewed with the officers recent Appellate Court decisions and also reviewed with them the new Abuse Prevention Forms.

In April of 1996 Sgt. Armitage, Sgt. DiGianvittorio and Officer Peachey benefited from a training session at the Criminal History Systems Board in Chelsea. The purpose of this session was to receive

instruction in the use of the new computer system installed at the Police Department which enables the department to communicate with departments and computer systems nationwide.

During the months of May and June the above officers met and will continue to meet individually with the officers of the Police Department as we get use to this new system.

## **JUVENILE OFFICER**

Patrolman John E. Jones

As the department's Juvenile Officer it is my responsibility to work with the youth in our town who need help in dealing with family problems, school problems and any other problem that they can't resolve on their own. As in the past I will work with parents who are having problems with their children as well.

I meet on a monthly basis with the other Juvenile Officers of the Tri-Town area and we discuss mutual problems that we are having in our schools and towns. We also meet with members of the Masconomet Regional High School District to discuss youth issues.



Since the North Shore Vocational Technical High School has moved to town we have set up a similar program to discuss youth problems at their facility as well. This program involves all Juvenile Officers from communities that the school services. We have implemented guidelines for the students while they attend school in our community.

I have also attended meetings and seminars given by the District Attorney's Office on Teenage Violence and Teen Abuse.

The use of alcohol by the teens in the Tri-Town area is still a problem that we

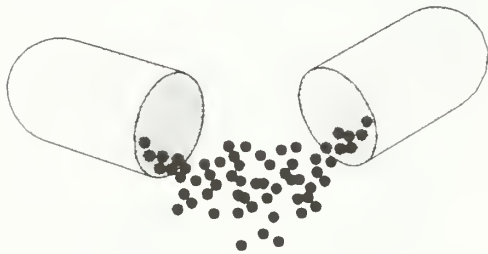
face each year. Also, a national study shows that there is a rise in drug use by high school and college students. Any one who knows or hears of any type of substance abuse by students in our community should report it to the Police; remember, you do not have to leave your number and you could be helping a kid that might be in trouble.

Thanks again to all who have helped the Police with information that has been very useful to us.

### **D.A.R.E. OFFICER**

Patrolman Gayle Haley

In collaboration with the Middleton Elementary School the Police Department once again offered the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program to the sixth graders at the Howe Manning School. Sixty-two students took part in the seventeen week curriculum. Students learned the true dangers of drugs, to identify coercive advertising, to deal with peer pressure, to resist violence, alternatives to drug use as well as how to build their own self esteem.



With the help of a supplemental grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety the D.A.R.E. Officer attended a seminar sponsored by the Massachusetts D.A.R.E. Officers Association. The seminar was designed to enhance knowledge regarding tobacco products and techniques involved in demand reduction. The seminar also offered workshops on a variety of teaching methods utilized by this Officer in presenting the lessons in the D.A.R.E. curriculum.

Grant funding made it possible for students that successfully completed the program to enjoy a day away from school at the Project Adventure Program in Hamilton. This was a one day self-challenging

adventure that encompassed the lessons of the program and allowed students an opportunity to utilize what they learned.

As part of the culmination ceremonies each student received a Certificate of Achievement presented to them by the school principal Michelle Fitzpatrick. Each student also received a tee shirt with the D.A.R.E. logo and message. Each student wrote an essay summarizing the program. Three were chosen to be read at the culmination. The runners-up were Danielle Amaral and Matthew Haley. The winner was Timothy Doucette. Each of the three received a bronzed D.A.R.E. medallion and a fifty dollar savings bond. Timothy was chosen to represent the Town of Middleton at the State graduation ceremony at the Kennedy Library. Timothy and Matthew attended the ceremony which included lunch, a tee shirt and a tour of the library. Both boys received a special recommendation presented by State Representative Brian Cresta.

It is our hope that in the upcoming school year we will be able to expand the program to offer an abbreviated form curriculum to grades kindergarten through fifth. In addition we hope to offer an introduction to the program for parents.

Officer Haley would like to take this opportunity to extend a special thank you to the Danvers Savings Bank, The Family Bank and The Fleet Bank for their generous donations. A special thank you is also sent to local business owners George and Gail Nekoroski and "Skip the Brush" for their support and contributions.

### **DIRECTOR OF**

### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION**

Patrolman Gayle Haley

The cycle of violence continues. It is estimated that in the United States a woman is battered by her husband or partner every 15 seconds. And, the majority of males who are violent toward female partners also abuse their children. Despite changes in the laws many victims attempt to drop charges against an abuser within 24 hours of filing a complaint.

In an effort to better protect the victim and hold the defendant accountable, prosecutors and police are working together to record evidence of criminal activity, such as assaults. This recorded evidence allows a law enforcement agency to continue the investigation and prosecution of the case without the victim's participation.

Officers Jones and Haley recently attended a training program offered by the Essex County District Attorney's Office and the Polaroid Corporation. The goal of the training was to provide law enforcement officers with a tool to increase the effectiveness of written incident reports by providing a vehicle to communicate the severity of an incident in a way that words alone cannot. This vehicle is instant photography. As a supplement to a written report, instant photographs provide substantial evidence of abuse. The photos may be of the victim's injuries or of the scene itself. In some cases this documentation takes the responsibility off the victim to prosecute and places it with the police.

For information regarding support agencies for victims of domestic violence or batterers, please contact your local Police Department.

### **SAFETY OFFICER**

Patrolman Edward M. Couture

In today's fast paced world it is easy to let simple safety features pass by.

Most of us use an automobile each day. When you get into your vehicle, please take the time to "BUCKLE UP". The law requires that each person in a vehicle wear a seat belt. Chapter 90-7AA of the Massachusetts General Laws mandates that children 5 years of age and under be in an approved safety seat, children under the age of 12 years must be fastened by a seat belt. An adult passenger, 16 years and older, is required to buckle up. All are subject to a twenty five dollar fine (\$25.00). A speed of 30 m.p.h. can cause serious injury.

Another safety issue is the wearing of bicycle helmets. Children need strength from their parents in order to enforce this

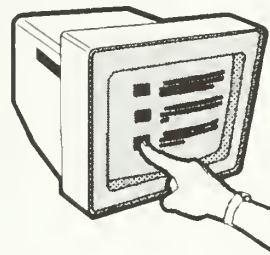
vital safety issue. Take the time to make your child aware of safe bicycling habits.

Parents are also encouraged to remind their children of the dangers of strangers. As our fine community continues to grow, it is up to all of us to report any unusual incidents immediately to the police. Take time to be aware of your surroundings. At all times guard your personal belongings when out and take time to get to your destination. The life you save may be your own. It is up to each and every one of us to follow good habits, the outcome is positive.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact the Middleton Police Department at 774-4424 with any suspicious activity or if you should have any problems or concerns we can assist you with.

### **COMPUTER CONSULTANT**

Reserve Patrolman Charles R. Costigan



During the last year I continued to manage the computer system at the Middleton Police Station. This system is now being used for all incident type reporting. During this timeframe thousands of incidents have been entered. Gathering information on a particular incident or investigation takes only a matter of seconds and is more accurately reflected than the paper and file cabinet system used in previous years.

Since the computer system has been on-line, I have been producing a variety of statistical reports on police activity. Some of these reports have included: areas of frequent vehicle accidents, areas of town that have frequent housebreaks, days of weeks and time of day when most incidents seem to occur and areas of town that seem to generate most traffic citations. With this type of data, the Police Chief has been able to deploy his



resources more accurately in order to hopefully deter crime before it happens.

As updated versions of police software are released I updated the computer system. During the year we have had no known problems with the hardware and have had no downtime on the system. The system is available and runs 24 hours a day. All data is fully backed up nightly to tape.

During the year the Police Department acquired a personal computer system. This system is comprised of a Digital 920 Starion PC with 16 megabytes of memory and 1.2 gigabytes of hard disk storage. It has a built in modem and fax card and is also Internet ready. The monitor purchased for this system is a 17" NEC Sony Trinitron monitor. The system is Multi-Media equipped with 2 speakers and CD ROM. The system is running Windows 95 software and is equipped with a Pentium processor chip. The PC today is mainly used by the administration personnel to keep track of payroll, expenses and equipment.

In closing I would like to thank Chief Peachey, all the Middleton Police Department Officers and staff for supporting me in the use of the computer system throughout the year.

### STATEMENT

As in the past I wish to extend my thanks to the town officials, the citizens of the community, surrounding police departments, Massachusetts State Police, the Registry of Motor Vehicles and especially the members of the Middleton Police Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert T. Peachey, Sr.  
Chief of Police





# FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Middleton:

## MISSION STATEMENT

The primary mission of the Middleton Fire Department is to protect lives and property and improve the quality of LIFE in the Town of Middleton through fire prevention, fire suppression, hazardous material control, and fire alarm communications to all who live, work or invest in the community.

The Fire Department consists of permanent and call personnel. The permanent force is composed of: Chief, Captain, three Lieutenants, two Firefighters and one Dispatcher.

The call force consists of the following: Captain, and 21 call Firefighters. The combination of permanent and call firefighters gives the Town a complement of 29 men and women.

## DEPARTMENT ROSTER

### PERMANENT FORCE:

\*\*\* Chief Henry Michalski, Jr.  
 \* Captain David T. Leary  
 \* Lieutenant William O'Neil  
 \*\*\* Lieutenant Frank Twiss  
 \* Lieutenant Timothy O'Connell  
 \* Firefighter Charles S. Clinch IV  
 \* Firefighter Kenneth LeColst  
 \*\* Dispatcher Lily McCormack

### CALL FORCE:

\* Captain Charles S. Clinch III  
 \*\* Firefighter Robert Aldenberg  
 \* Firefighter Jeffrey Barber  
 \* Firefighter Andrew Bouchard  
 \*\*\*\*\* Firefighter Eric J. Christopher  
 \*\*\*\*\* Firefighter Craig Clough  
 \* Firefighter William Clough  
 \*\*\*\*\* Firefighter Timothy Crosbie  
 \* Firefighter Douglas Donovan  
 \* Firefighter Peter B. Francis  
 \* Firefighter Barry Galvin  
 \* Firefighter Deborah Hannon  
 \* Firefighter James Hannon  
 \*\*\*\*\* Firefighter Douglas LeColst

\* Firefighter Thomas Martinuk  
 \*\* Firefighter Lily McCormack  
 \* Firefighter James Miller  
 \* Firefighter James Muise  
 \* Firefighter Richard F. Nash  
 \* Firefighter John O'Connor  
 \*\*\*\*\* Firefighter David P. Santamaria

### KEY

\* Registered Emergency Medical Tech  
 \*\* First Responder, 105 CMR 171.000  
 MGL c. 111 c.201  
 \*\*\* Emergency Medical Tech/Intermed.  
 \*\*\*\*\* Emergency Medical Tech/Paramedic

Total EMT's	19
Total EMT's/Intermediate	2
Total First Response	3
Total EMT's/Paramedic	5

The Fire Department responded to a total of 1,820 calls during 1995-95. This was an increase of 275 incidents over 1994-95. The incidents are broken down as follows:

<u>TYPE OF INCIDENTS</u>	<u>NUMBER OF INCIDENTS</u>
Buildings .....	10
Chimney Fires.....	2
Motor Vehicles .....	23
Brush and Grass .....	148
Rubbish, Trash, Dump .....	19
Explosions (no fire) .....	2
Spills (gasoline, oil, etc.)` .....	21
Medical Aids (basic life support) .....	427
Medical Aids (advanced life support) .....	95
Motor Vehicle Accidents.....	110
Mutual aid medical aid .....	62
Burnt food on stoves .....	92
Aircraft standby (helicopter landings).....	3
Investigations.....	67
Electrical .....	2
Delayed ignitions (oil burners) .....	13
Defective gas appliances .....	4
Service calls (house, car lockouts, etc.).....	272
Assist Police and other Town departments.....	16

Illegal burning.....	24
Mutual aid .....	117
Defective elevators .....	9
False alarms (street boxes) .....	8
Alarm activations (needless).....	79
Lightning strikes .....	21
Investigation Gas or Carbon monoxide det .....	32
Alarm activations.....	142
TOTAL RESPONSE.....	1,820

## MANPOWER

If there is one arena that is controversial in the fire service it is the issue of staffing. The US. Occupational Safety and Health Administration issued an order May 1, 1995, which concludes that in any atmosphere that is immediately dangerous to life and health (IDLH) there needs to be a minimum of personnel to safely carry the operation.

The OSHA policy says that two firefighters inside a structure fire or other hazardous incident must operate on a "buddy" system, in direct voice or visual contact or tethered by a signal line. Radios or other means of electronic contact cannot be substituted for direct visual contact.

At least two more similarly equipped and trained firefighters must remain outside the fire area for purposes of accounting for members inside and stand prepared to rescue the team that is inside. One of these outside firefighters can be assigned other duties such as incident command, provided the firefighter is properly equipped, the other firefighter can have no other responsibilities other than to account for the team inside. Even though we do not come directly under OSHA standards, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) which we do work under, has determined that in emergency response to hazmat operations, the OSHA regulation will apply.

Availability of personnel is becoming critical. Many times we are taxed with multiple incidents, requiring additional personnel be called in to man other apparatus. During the past year several occasions have arisen where no additional personnel were available to respond to back up firefighters both at emergency scenes

and to cover the station during snow storms. The time has come for the Town to add at least six additional full-time firefighters, increasing the available number of persons responding thereby allowing the department to operate within national and state safety guidelines. The evening hours will still be staffed by the call force, which also should be increased by at least ten people to allow for having persons available.

## APPARATUS

The apparatus of the department is in good condition. The inventory of vehicles consists of the following:

1992 Chevy Sedan (Chief's car)  
1993 Ford 350 Pick-up (Squad 5)  
1989 Ford E350 Ambulance (Rescue 6)  
1995 Ford E350 Ambulance (Rescue 1)



1982 Ford F350 Utility body  
(Fire Alarm Maintenance)  
1972 International pump (Engine 2)  
1979 Ward LaFrance pump (Engine 3)  
1986 Hahn pump (Engine 1)  
1981 International chassis,  
with a 1961 Aerial device (Ladder 1)  
1981 Mack tractor,  
with 1965 Heil trailer (Engine 4)  
1988 Wire trailer, with 1989 Bombard  
Commando boat (Water Rescue)  
1988 Wire trailer (Fire Alarm)

Two general purpose utility trailers received from State, used for HazMat incidents.

Ladder 1 is in need of replacement. The chassis is 15 years old, with the aerial device being 35 years old. As in the past, it is difficult to have the aerial device and hydraulic system certified each year due to its age. We have diligently been trying with assistance of Senator Bruce Tarr and Representative Brian Cresta to secure funds from the Commonwealth for the

replacement of Ladder 1, but we are getting to the point where we can't wait much longer. The cost of replacement increases each year, along with the amount of money we must put into the truck for up-keep.

Engine 3 is 17 years old. It is time we start considering its replacement. The motor has recently been rebuilt, this should allow us to receive several more years of service from this piece of equipment, with some minor additional work on the cab.

## **HEALTH & SAFETY**

The turn out gear used by the personnel is in fair condition. As with any clothing it needs to be replaced in time. The current gear was manufactured in 1993. Since this time it has seen much use and we need to start considering its replacement. Over the past several years, we have been able to issue protective hoods, gloves, and brush jackets to each individual for their safety. We also need to purchase additional face pieces for the self-contained breathing apparatus. Under the new health and safety standards, it is recommended that each individual firefighter have their own personal face pieces.

## **FIRE DISPATCH**

The Fire Dispatchers duties and responsibility to serve the Town citizens and all who work in the Town are always their top priority.

With society's advances in technology today in the field of dispatching, the demands for further education is ongoing. This will enable dispatchers to handle their responsibilities in serving their community with performing ethically as professionals in

their field. Proper training in handling of all incidents is crucial for it involves not only the lives and property of the victims of the incident, but also involves the lives of the personnel responding to the scene. The following are a list of duties required by the dispatcher upon receipt of an emergency call:

1. Receiving the call.
2. Identifying the type of emergency, i.e., fire, medical, or police.
3. Notifying the appropriate units.
4. Dispatching units.
5. Gathering appropriate information from the caller.
6. Maintaining radio contact with dispatched units.
7. Monitoring activities at scene.
8. Writing report of incident.



These are some of the duties of the dispatcher during and after an incident.

To date the department has six (6) members who have

attended a forty (40) hour APCO Telecommunications course, conducted by the State Fire Academy. The emphasis of this course was a better knowledge of dispatch operations, which enables a person to be a proficient telecommunicator. One (1) member is a Certified EMD (Emergency Medical Dispatcher). This requires 28 hours of recertification every two years, and a written exam with a cost of \$45.00. This is paid not by the Town but by this person, so she may maintain her certification as an Emergency Medical Dispatcher.



## TRAINING & EDUCATION



The department continues to conduct its own training program on Monday nights and occasionally on weekends. In addition to the regular drill schedule, several members have been attending special outside courses conducted by such organizations as the State Fire Academy and the National Fire Academy. The courses provided are extremely beneficial to the Town and the department.

The time spent by these individuals is often done at their own time and expense in attending these specialized courses. The Town and department are very fortunate to have such dedicated individuals whose knowledge and experience will benefit the Town.

### HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRAINING:

Hazardous materials training is an ever on-going process as are many of the programs the department is involved with. The department attempts to conduct its own in-house training whenever possible. There are times when we must call in specialized instructors to assist us.

Given the financial constraints placed on fire departments, it is extremely difficult to maintain a level of efficiency to effectively handle a hazardous materials incident. It becomes incumbent on the agencies who mandate this training to become fiscally responsible for the proper training. However, due to the current economic decline, the funding sources are found to be inadequate.

Following is an outline of continual training that must be conducted on an annual basis:

- I. E.M.T. & E.M.D. recertification - 28 hours of continuing education every two years along with a 21 hour refresher course yearly.
- II. Semi-automatic defibrillator recertification: Quarterly.
- III. Epinephrine auto injection recertification: Quarterly.
- IV. CPR: Yearly
- V. Infection control continuing education: Yearly
- VI. Hazardous material training: Yearly

Additionally, the following recommended training is needed to meet the demands of the department:

- A) Updated Firefighter 1&2 competency updates and certification.
- B) Continuing education of officers and firefighters.
- C) Continuing education for fire education personnel.
- D) Certification of fire investigation personnel.
- E) Confined space rescue training.
- F) Medical dispatch procedures.

These are just some of the problems that are facing the department today, and with the increase in technological advances by society, it becomes evident that the department needs to stay current with these in order to provide the level of service that the residents have become accustomed to.



As is evident, the training program is a time-consuming and task-oriented endeavor. I am happy to report that by January 1996, all members with the exception of a few recent appointees will have completed the curriculum for Firefighter 1. This program consists of 18 modules of instruction in firefighting ranging from basic skills to more advanced fire suppression techniques. It has taken approximately 3 years to complete this portion of the program which is run by the department in conjunction with the State Fire Academy. All members who successfully complete the program are allowed to take a Certification test and will be awarded certificates.

The training program will now be conducting the Firefighter II portion of the program. This will be a more advanced course of instruction in firefighting skills and education, to complete skills and tasks already learned in the Firefighter 1 program.

## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

The department continues to conduct its own training program consistent with all applicable Federal, State and Local statutes.

Emergency medical services continued to keep the department active. The department answered 453 requests for medical assistance, and treated 499 patients during the past year. The difference in request versus the actual patients treated is due to multiple patients at scenes.

In addition to emergency response calls for medical assistance, the E.M.S. division provides many other functions in its day to day operations including responses to major structure fires, wildland fires, and motor vehicle accidents. Their primary role is to support functions already in progress. They also provide Emergency Rehabilitation Services to personnel operating on scene. This has become a very valuable resource on scene in providing immediate medical care to personnel or citizens who may become ill, dehydrated or injured after an incident.

Also, the E.M.S. division is involved with a number of community programs. The department provides free blood pressure clinics, CPR and First Responder courses to the public. Additionally, it conducts training for many public and private organizations throughout the Town such as Bostik, Nynex and any town department who needs or wishes to be trained. It also works closely with the schools and library in providing tours for the pupils and teachers and the staff at the library. This gives a better understanding of our operations and helps to alleviate some of their fears of a medical emergency.



Since the inception of the Advanced Life Support (ALS) service within the department, we have seen a dramatic increase in a more specialized training program for all department members. The Town is fortunate to have this level of service as it provides for the best pre-hospital care given during an illness or injury.

Since the last Town Meeting, the department has placed the new ambulance in service, to go along with the older ambulance still in service to provide a back-up. To date this arrangement has proven extremely beneficial as we have had to use both ambulances numerous times at motor vehicle accidents and from back to back medical aids within the Town. This negates relying on an out-of-town agency to respond, and reduces the time it takes to provide a second ambulance.

As always, your fire department will strive to provide a level of service that will continue to be on the leading edge throughout the State.

INSPECTIONS & PERMITS		
Oil Burner Inspection	70	
Reinspection	12	
Permits Issued		70
Fire Alarm Inspection	172	
Reinspection	40	
Permits Issued		172
Liquid Propane Storage	52	
Reinspection	7	
Permits Issued		52
Tank Truck Inspection	5	
Reinspection	0	
Permits Issued		5
Blasting Permit	12	
Blast Witnessed	70	
Permits Issued		12

MISCELLANEOUS PERMITS		
Sprinkler Permits	4	
Flammable liquid	20	
Tent Permit	5	
Tar Kettle	0	
Underground tank removal	12	
Plans review	110	
(residential, fire and heat detection, sprinklers, fire extinguishers).		
Burning Permits Issued		315
Calls for permission to burn	1,192	

NOTE: Burning Permits are good for one(1) season, but a call to the fire department MUST be made on each day of burning.

Fire Prevention Inspections and  
Fire Drills

500

## FIRE PREVENTION ACTIVITIES

The fire prevention division of the department has experienced a dramatic increase in inspection activity. This upward change is a reflection of the increase in residential and commercial construction. In addition to initial inspections for fire safety, fire prevention focuses on education to enhance a fire safe attitude. Classes on fire extinguishers and fire prevention for businesses, fire safety talks to children and the elderly, and public service announcements on the local cable channel are just a few examples of our commitment to promote fire prevention in our town.

Remember, fire can strike without warning. To be safe you have to be ready. Take the time now to complete a home fire safety check. Install smoke detectors if you haven't already. For those who have already installed detectors be sure they are clean and free of dust. Test the batteries monthly and replace the batteries yearly. Sit down with family members and devise a family escape plan for your home. The plan should include TWO (2) ways out of every room, plus a meeting place out of your home to be certain that all members are safely out of the building. Purchase a multi-purpose (ABC) extinguisher and learn how to use it properly. The extinguisher should be located near exit doors.

One issue that has raised many questions and concerns by the public is the danger of carbon monoxide poisoning. Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless, and highly toxic gas. Carbon monoxide is a byproduct of combustion, present whenever fuel is burned. It is produced by common home appliances, such as gas or oil furnaces, clothes dryers, water heaters, and automobiles.

Malfunctioning heating equipment, blocked chimneys, indoor use of barbecue grills, use of cooking appliances for heating purposes, poor ventilation, and automobile exhaust in an attached garage can cause carbon monoxide to enter a home. If carbon monoxide goes undetected and the levels increase, carbon monoxide poisoning can occur. Symptoms such as headaches, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, tightening of the chest, convulsions, redness of the eyes, sleepiness, confusion and ringing in the ears are some of the effects of carbon monoxide on the body. Prolonged exposure can lead to unconsciousness, brain damage, or death.

To protect yourself and your family from carbon monoxide poisoning, install at least one carbon monoxide detector near the sleeping area. An additional detector near the home heat source can provide extra protection. Choose an Underwriters Laboratories (UL) listed detector that sounds an audible alarm. In addition to installing carbon monoxide detectors, residents should regularly inspect and service potential problem sources of carbon monoxide.

If you or your family encounter any danger signs of carbon monoxide poisoning, if there is a suspicion that a carbon monoxide problem exists, or if a carbon monoxide detector activates, evacuate the home immediately and call the fire department. The firefighters can render emergency care and also use special equipment to measure the levels of carbon monoxide in the home.

If you would like some help in planning a home fire escape plan, or if you would like a home fire safety check, please contact the fire department at 774-2466. Arrangements can be made to help you keep your home fire safe. The department has two slide programs on "Preventing Home Fires" and "Escaping Home Fires" and also numerous videos on fire safety which are available to be shown for your education.



#### **FIRE SAFETY TIPS TO REMEMBER**

- ♥ Install a smoke detector on each level of your home.
- ♥ DO NOT disable a smoke detector when it sounds off.
- ♥ Know what to do after a detector sounds off.
- ♥ Plan a home escape route in the event of a fire.
- ♥ Install at least one carbon monoxide detector.

#### **FIRE ALARM**

The fire alarm system is in excellent repair and condition. Maintenance and care of the system is the key to reliable, cost effective operation. The fire alarm system is cared for in its entirety by the Superintendent of Fire Alarm, and remains basically self-supporting through fees charged directly to the users. All town owned buildings are protected by this system. Expansion of the system continues at a rapid rate again this year due to many construction projects in progress. All costs associated with the expansion process are borne by the developers and/or builder.

#### **RADIO SYSTEM**

The radio system has been completely upgraded and is adequate at present to our needs of ensuring public safety and the safety of personnel working at an emergency scene.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Addition of **Six (6) full-time firefighters.**
- Addition of **Ten (1) members to the call force.**
- Replace Ladder 1.
- Rebuild motor of Engine 1.
- Place money in a capital budget towards replacement of Engine 3.
- The purchase of 20 face pieces for self-contained breathing apparatus.
- The purchase of 15 additional Personnel Alert Devices.
- Formation of a study group with regards to determining the needs to build a new fire station.

**FOR FIRE &  
EMERGENCY CALL  
774-2211**

Provide the telecommunication with the following information:

1. Your name
2. The address where the emergency is located
3. What type of emergency it is
4. How many people are injured or need help
5. What is being done for the victims
6. Your telephone number

## DO NOT HANG UP UNTIL TOLD TO

If you have no telephone, use the fire alarm box in your area, if one is available. **STAY** at the fire alarm box until the apparatus arrives and direct them to where the problem is. For routine business call 774-2466.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, Department Heads and Citizens of the Town for their cooperation during the year.

As usual, a **SPECIAL** thanks needs to go out to the officers and members of the department along with their respective families. If it weren't for the dedication and sacrifices made by the members and their families you would not enjoy the fine service you are accustomed to.

Respectfully submitted,

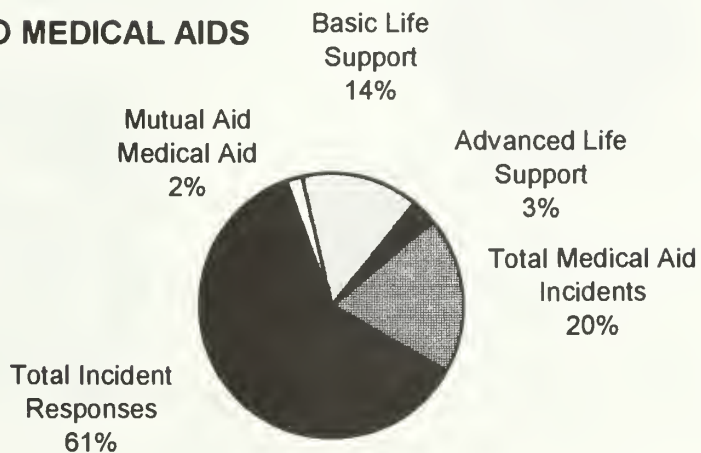
Henry Michalski, Jr.  
Chief of Department



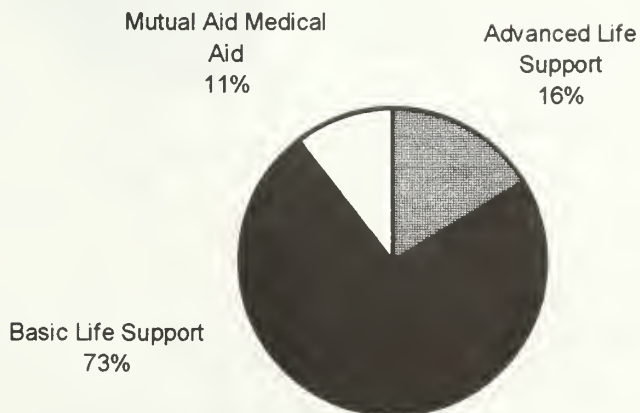
## MIDDLETON FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSES

TYPE OF MEDICAL AID	
Total Medical Aid Incidents	584
Total Incident Responses	1,820
Mutual aid medical aid	62
Basic life support	427
TOTAL	2,988

### RESPONSE TO MEDICAL AID



### MEDICAL AID RESPONSE BREAKDOWN

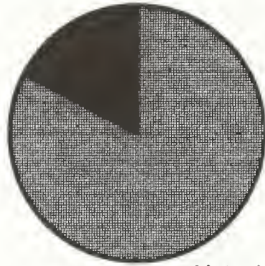


**TOTAL INCIDENTS = 584**

# MIDDLETON FIRE DEPARTMENT MOTOR VEHICLE & ALARM RESPONSES

## MOTOR VEHICLE INCIDENTS

Motor Vehicle  
Fires  
17%



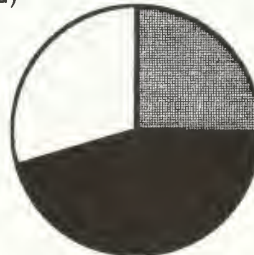
Motor Vehicle  
Accidents  
83%

Response to motor vehicle accidents	110
Response to motor vehicle fires	23

## ALARM ACTIVATIONS

Alarm  
activations  
(burnt food)  
29%

Accidental  
alarm  
25%



Alarm  
activations  
46%

Alarm activations accidental	79
Alarm activations	142
Alarm activation for burnt food on stove	92

**TOTAL INCIDENTS = 1,820**

## INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

The Building Department issued permits for 60 new dwellings in addition to a five (5) unit condominium building during the fiscal year FY96 for a total of 65 new units. A total of 295 permits for building construction were issued for a total construction valuation of \$23 million dollars.

The department Inspectors conducted close to 1,700 inspections during the year. The Department collected total fees of \$184,770



I wish to take this opportunity to thank all Department employees for their cooperation and dedication.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Aldenberg  
Inspector of Buildings

### FEES COLLECTED - FY-96

295	Building permits	109,756
267	Electrical permits	39,761
115	Plumbing permits	28,125
93	Gas permits	2,812
68	Occupancy permits	1,085
19	State required inspections	1,116
4	Fines	2,115

<b>861</b>	<b>TOTAL FEES COLLECTED</b>	<b>184,770</b>
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### RESIDENTIAL

60	New dwellings	\$12,590,300
1	Multi-family (5 units)	930,000
47	Additions	865,185
68	Renovations	290,200
23	Accessory buildings	267,550
14	Pools	65,995
21	Wood stoves/chimneys	64,600
7	Fences	18,458
1	Dwelling demolition	N/A

### COMMERCIAL

4	New commercial buildings	\$2,234,850
22	Additions/renovations	1,304,600
10	Signs	21,505
5	Temporary signs	525
2	Temporary trailers	N/A
5	Temporary tents	N/A
1	Demolition	N/A

### GOV'T OWNED BUILDINGS

1	New building	468,499
2	Additions/renovations	4,537,900
1	Satellite dish	1,500

<b>295</b>	<b>TOTAL PERMITS</b>	<b>23,661,667</b>
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### INSPECTION TRIPS MADE

Building	714
Electrical	605
Plumbing/Gas	362

<b>TOTAL TRIPS</b>	<b>1,681</b>
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## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

To the honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Middleton I hereby submit the following annual report of the Department of Public Works for the period covering July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1996.

The Department roster consisted of the following full-time personnel:

**DENNIS R. ROY, Superintendent**  
**Kenneth Gibbons, Foreman**  
**Florence Leary, Secretary**  
**William Mugford, Light Equipment Oper**  
**Gregory Hull, Light Equipment Oper**  
**Ricky Gould, Light Equipment Oper**  
**John Black, Light Equipment Oper**  
**Bruce MacBride, Light Equipment Oper**

Part-time summer help this year consisted of the following personnel:

**Ryan McCarthy**  
**David Ogden**  
**Tatishe Nteta**  
**John Kenney**

Following is a summary, by division, of the work performed throughout the fiscal year:

### HIGHWAY

The Town's highway resurfacing program this year consisted of the following projects:

**Logbridge Road** - This year's program consisted of completely reconstructing the entire length of Logbridge Road (2,000 LF) which included widening, lowering a section of roadway and repaving the roadway to a 20 foot width. Several utility poles were relocated to straighten out the pavement as well as to obtain the 20 foot width. The finish coat of pavement will be placed in the Spring of 1997.

**Old Essex Street** (DeBush Avenue to culvert) - That portion of Essex Street from DeBush Avenue to the drainage culvert (1,400 LF) was completely reconstructed by the reclamation method, paved with 4" of bituminous concrete and new gravel shoulders were installed.

**Lake Street** (Forest Street to Old Forest Street) - That portion of Lake Street from Forest Street intersection to Old Forest Street (900 LF) was reconstructed by the same method as was Old Essex Street.

**Kenney Road** (Campbell Road to Maple Street) - This section of roadway was reconstructed by Brady Development as a condition to the Town's acceptance of the Middleton Heights subdivision. As part of the reconstruction, a portion of Kenney Road was lowered some 4 feet to increase sight distance in the area of #51 Kenney Road. The Town lowered the water line in this area and put the finish pavement down in May of 1996. New bituminous curbing was also installed on the sidewalk side by Brady Development.

**Kenney Road** (Devonshire to Campbell Road) - This section of Kenney Road was completely reconstructed and repaved with 4" of bituminous concrete.

**Wildwood Road** - Under the provisions of Chapter II, Section 2 "Prudential Affairs" Town By-law, the Town was able to participate in the resurfacing of Wildwood Road with 1½" overlay of bituminous pavement after crack-filling all roadway cracks with cold-in-place fiber crack-filling asphalt material.



This years resurfacing budget totaled \$236,425 which was funded with \$50,000 of Town funds and \$186,425 from State Chapter 90 funds. Both State and local funds are expected to remain the same next year which





Oakdale Cemetery



Snow Removal Middleton Square

will allow us to start resurfacing our main arteries starting with River Street.

The Maple Street (Rte. 62) project that will bring major improvements such as sidewalks, drainage, granite curbing, colonial lanterns and traffic signalization to the East Street/Gregory Street intersection has been awarded to the low bid contractor and is scheduled for construction in early 1997.

The total Town's accepted road mileage increased to 45.47 miles this year with the acceptance of Jersey Lane (.09), Cabral Drive (.76) Bayberry Lane (.05), and Flint Farm Road (.19).

Next year I can see an additional 1.88 miles being added with the completion of several new subdivisions.

In addition to the increased road miles there are an additional 63 catch basins added to our drainage system that will be cleaned on an annual basis.

An extensive crack-filling and infra-red patching program took place this year on many of our more heavily traveled roadways such as Liberty Street, East Street, Peabody Street, Essex Street and others.

This Spring, in addition to our annual line painting program, there was extensive thermoplastic line replacement throughout Middleton Square. Each year we try to replace any lines, traffic arrows, crosswalks etc. that are worn out due to the heavy use and the damage done by winter salt and sanding.

This year the Town cleaned over 550 catchbasins throughout Town so as to prevent drainline blockages.

In addition, this year through the help of the Summer Youth Employment Training Program sponsored by the Federal Government the Town painted all it's guard rails throughout Town.

## SNOW

The 1995-96 snowfall season set an all time record for total snowfall in Middleton with 123 inches.

This year Middleton, and much of the Northeast, experienced 6 months of winter beginning with the first snow of the season on November 29th and finishing with an 8" storm on April 10th. The previous record for snowfall in Middleton occurred during the 1992-93 season when 104" fell.



The Town recorded a total of 14 snowstorms with the largest being the January 7-8th blizzard in which 18" fell. For the year, we had (5) storms of less than 6", (5) storms where 6-12" fell, and (4) storms where greater than 12" fell.

The Town expended over \$228,000 towards it's snow fighting efforts which was \$100,000 over the budgeted amount. This deficit, however, was offset somewhat by reimbursements from F.E.M.A. (Federal Emergency Management Agency) in the amount of \$42,000 and claims received through the Town's snow insurance policy of \$40,000. The snow insurance policy was offered to Towns for the first time this year before the 1995-96 snow season. Ira Singer thought it would be a good investment to pay a \$1500 policy premium in return for guaranteed payment of \$1,000/per inch for any snow falling over the Town's annual average snowfall of 60 inches. Middleton was one of only a few towns to take advantage of such a policy which proved to be to the Town's advantage.





Reconditioning Snow Plows



Transfer Station Roll-Off Truck  
and New Truck #6

Public Works used over 3,000 tons of sand, 1,000 tons of salt, and 11,000 gallons of liquid calcium chloride this season.

Through the great efforts of our snow fighting contractors and members of our own Department, the roads of Middleton were kept open and clean throughout the snow season. Town crews were out almost every night during December and January sanding and clearing roads for the morning and afternoon commutes.

## **SIDEWALKS**

Public Works is pleased to report that this fiscal year the Department completed the final phase (Phase III) of the Brigadoon Sidewalk repair program. This project was first started back in FY-94 as a new program for sidewalk repairs and concluded with this years final repairs that were completed on the following streets:

Edgewood Road	2,000 LF
Willow Road	550 LF
Hills Road	1,000 LF
Overbrook Road	2,200 LF

Public Work crews prepared these areas by reclaiming the sidewalk edges that had overgrown over the years, tree roots were removed, water gates lowered and protruding rocks removed. These sidewalks were then overlaid with 1½" of bituminous hot-top placed by the Town's paving contractor.

Public Works proposes to continue this program to other areas of Town that are in need of sidewalk repairs.

The funding to install new sidewalks along Maple Street from the Congregational Church to the Ipswich River were reallocated at this Fall's Special Town Meeting towards a much larger project for this area. Engineering plans will now include road and drain improvements throughout this area. State funds that will also be added to this project will result in a ten dollar contribution to every one dollar that the Town will spend. We anticipate plans to be completed and ready for bidding next fiscal year.

Public Works continues to work with the Planning Board to have private developers install sidewalks on adjacent main streets to

their proposed subdivision in lieu of the required (2) sidewalks being built on new subdivision streets.

This year 1,500 LF of new sidewalk was constructed on Kenney Road from the Middleton Heights subdivision to the Maple Street intersection.

## **CAPITAL PURCHASES**

Capital purchases this year included the purchase of the Town's new 1996 "Mack" roll-off hauling container truck for the soon to open transfer station. This vehicle will be used to haul all of the Town's household waste, recyclable and construction and demolition waste. This vehicle will haul approximately 30 tons of trash per week to Ogden Martin Waste to Energy facility located in Haverhill. This vehicle will give the Town the flexibility to move and haul it's trash and recyclable whenever it is needed.

The Town also purchased (2) 11,000 G.V.W. diesel 4x4 trucks that are used heavily in day to day department operations. The first vehicle (Unit #1) was outfitted with a utility style body that will carry much of the equipment used day to day as well as emergency repair equipment and tools. The second truck (truck #6) is also a 1995 Chevy C3500 diesel and outfitted with a dump body and new power angle plow system for winter operations. This vehicle will also carry one of the two new 3 CY stainless steel slide in sanders that were also purchased this year. This new combination will give Public Works the ability to sand isolated ice spots, oil spills, municipal lots and school areas more efficiently. Until the Town is able to purchase the 3rd larger sander, which it will need, these units will work with the current 2-(6) CY sanders to cover the Town during the winter.

## **CEMETERY**

During this past year there were 36 interments at Oakdale Cemetery. During this same period there were a total of 16 new lots sold of which 3 were single grave lots, 9 were double grave lots and 4 were four grave lot sales. Revenues collected from the sale of these lots amounted to \$5,150.00.



As we do each year, the Town spends many man hours cutting the 10 acres of grass, trimming shrubs etc. in an effort to keep Oakdale one of Essex County's prettiest cemeteries.

Several of the avenues in Oakdale were repaved this year. They were the following:

Ash Avenue (portion)  
Woodedge Avenue (portion)  
Crescent Avenue (portion)  
Birch Avenue (portion)  
Juniper Avenue (portion)

The "2000" section off Birch Avenue was opened for lot sales.

Public Works is filling in an area off Crescent Avenue, to establish what will be known as the "3000" section that will be used for future sales.

## **PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS**

All our parks and playgrounds were maintained on a regular basis throughout the season. This included fertilizing in the Spring and early Summer, reseeding bare spots, and regular mowing each week.

All baseball infields were re-edged, weeded and reshaped in preparation for opening day.

Due to the Fuller Meadow School addition and the need at the former landfill for an area to dump the Town's final phase of trash, the baseball fields located in these (2) areas were closed. This put a tremendous burden on the Recreation Committee and Public Works to come up with temporary playing fields until these fields can be replaced.

The soccer association was able to use the Lynn Boys Club field for it's Spring session.

## **WATER**

During the year there were 38 permits issued for either new water services or renewals of old services.

Town Meeting approved the funding for the Town to hire it's first water system operator to start next fiscal year. With the current and

future expansion of our water system it is important to have someone who will be responsible to make sure that all current and new water lines are done properly so that they will serve the Town for many years to come without becoming a maintenance problem. With the limited revenues that the Town receives from Danvers' water receipts it is important to keep our system as maintenance free as possible. I hope to have our new water system operator continue responding to the D.E.P.'s (Department of Environmental Protection) requirements of the town regarding areas such as a more aggressive hydrant flushing program, water gate exercising program as well as instituting our first backflow prevention program for commercial water customers, which is a mandate by D.E.P. for all water suppliers. A backflow prevention education process will need to be the Town's initial step to complying with this requirement.

As new residential development takes place near existing water lines, so does the expansion of our water system. The Town still requires that all system extensions be funded by private developers and that they loop our system, whenever possible, to give better



pressure and water quality to surrounding water mains. All new lines are sized to accommodate future needs and demands.

Water main extensions this year consisted of the following street done by private development.

DeRosier Drive 1,684 LF of 8" water main

The Town water system now has approximately (20) miles of water main varying from 2 inches in diameter to 16 inches in diameter.



Transfer Station Under Construction



Recycling pad being formed at Transfer Station



The Town for the first time since 1987 put out to bid a water main extension project. Town Meeting, this year, approved the funding to extend a new 12" ductile iron water main measuring approximately 2,100 linear feet on School Street from Essex Street to the former glue factory. This will be completed and ready for operation by early Fall of 1996.

With the demands of both Towns (Danvers and Middleton) being put on Middleton Pond and our (2) drinking wells near the Ipswich River, I would like to see Middleton continue with constructing these major trunkline feeders before restrictions may need to be placed on new line construction and/or individual connections.

The Town continues to work with the Town of Danvers to settle our contract differences since the Town of Danvers initiated the request to negotiate a new contract. The cost of treatment and the operations to supply the Town of Middleton with water has increased considerably from our original agreement and will be adjusted fairly by the (2) Towns' water rate consultants.

## **LAKE STREET COMMUNITY SEWER SYSTEM**

After the initial ground breaking and construction last fiscal year of the 5,000 SF leaching bed that would eventually serve the (5) homes on Lake Street that were threatening Middleton Pond, the Towns of Danvers and Middleton successfully completed the remainder of the project with the installation of over 1,200 LF of 4" force main. This was a project that showed a good example of how two Towns and the (5) residents involved could work collectively, after much negotiating, to successfully engineer, fund, construct and maintain this important project.

I would like to personally thank Don DeHart, Director of Danvers D.P.W. and Rick Rodgers, Danvers Town Engineer for all their assistance and cooperation towards getting this project completed.

## **SURPLUS EQUIPMENT AUCTION**

For the second year in a row, Public Works gathered it's surplus and older equipment and conducted a sealed bid auction in

September which generated over \$27,000 in revenue to the Town. Much of the equipment auctioned was either going to be used as a trade-in allowance towards the purchase of new equipment or equipment that was no longer of any use to the Town. Many of the items went for more than book value.

## **SOLID WASTE**

With the Public Works Department being assigned to take over the operations of solid waste disposal for the Town in July of 1996, the Department has been working closely with the Solid Waste Committee and other officials to make sure an uninterrupted and smooth transition occurs from landfill dumping to temporary transfer station collection.

With the Special Town Meeting authorizing the construction of the Town's new Transfer Station and the Spring Annual Town Meeting authorizing the capping of the former landfill there will be major changes not only to the appearance of the area but also to the method that the Town disposes of it's trash.

As stated under my capital purchase for this year, the Town took it's first step towards becoming self sufficient when our new transfer station opens by purchasing our new 68,160 GVW roll-off truck.

The Town's new transfer station began construction in the fall of 1995 by Engineering Construction Company Incorporated of Hyannis, MA. Much of the leveled clay area located towards the south end of the landfill site was regraded to conform to the design plans of Camp Dresser & McKee of Boston. Public Works managed the day to day operations of this contract. Due to the heavy snow this season, all work was suspended until March 1996. The July 1, 1996 deadline to open this new facility will be delayed until the Fall of 1996.

Many hours were spent with the Solid Waste Committee to make sure the Town included everything it would need for years to come. Public Works and the committee toured, interviewed and researched many eastern Massachusetts facilities before we agreed to the plans for our new facility.

While the Transfer Station was under construction, the Town was meeting with Camp



Essex County Snow Plow Rodeo  
Winners for 1995 - Ken Gibbons and John Black



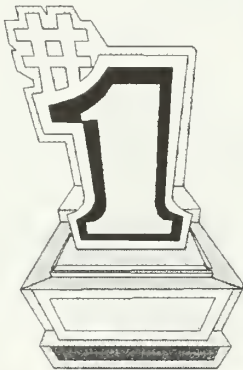
Preparation for Paving Transfer Station



Dresser & McKee in March of 1996 to discuss our needs to permanently cap our landfill according to D.E.P. requirements. Bidding on this major project will be done in July with construction to take place shortly thereafter.

### **ESSEX COUNTY SNOW PLOW RALLY**

Essex County Highway, Baystate Roads Program and Massachusetts Interlock Insurance Agency sponsored it's first Essex County Snow Plow rodeo held in Beverly on November 11, 1995. This rodeo is a contest where Towns come together and put their trucks and personnel through a series of tests to see which Town has the safest drivers. The drivers take a 20 question safety exam and then participate in (5) different skill events.



I am proud to report that Middleton took first place in every event and was awarded the overall Essex County Snow Plow Rodeo winners for 1995. Ken Gibbons, foreman, and John Black were the Town individuals who represented Middleton and won the plaque for the Town.

# Welcome to Middleton

Public Works installed the Town's 3rd "Welcome to Middleton sign" on Rte. 114 at the North Andover town line. The town and the Middleton Board of Trade purchased the posts and sign and it was installed by the Public Works Department. The sign was lighted by M.E.L.D. and the landscaping was done by Paul Richardson.

### **RIVER STREET IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE**

In December the River Street improvements committee was formed to study what improvements will be necessary and included in next year's plans to completely reconstruct this roadway. Many meetings were held and a field survey was performed by members of the committee to save the Town money. Final plans are proposed for the Spring with construction planned for the summer of 1997. This project will probably be a (2) year project due to available funds.

### **MIIA DRUG & ALCOHOL TESTING PROGRAM**

The Town recently adopted a drug and alcohol testing policy for all it's CDL drivers, as required by law. Public Works joined a consortium of Towns under the MIIA program and started testing it's drivers as of January 1, 1996.

### **ESSEX STREET, FOREST STREET SIGNALIZATION**

Public Works is actively participating with engineers, residents and State officials towards finalizing plans to make major improvements along Rte. 114 from Middleton Square to the Forest/Essex Street intersection. Plans are near completion and scheduled to go out for bid by fiscal year 1998. The project's engineering was funded by the town and the State will fund the construction costs.

In conclusion of what has been a busy year for the Department, I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator and the Community for their continued support of our efforts throughout the year.

I would also like to thank the Department personnel for their hard and dedicated work to serve the growing needs of Middleton.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis R. Roy  
Superintendent of Public Works

## INSPECTOR OF WIRES

The following is a report of the Wiring Inspector:

There were 267 wiring permits issued totaling \$39,761

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Electric Light Department, the Building Inspector and the Townspeople for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

James Marshall  
Wiring Inspector



## PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR

The following is my report as Plumbing and Gas Inspector:

There were 115 plumbing permits issued totaling \$28,125 and 93 gas permits issued totaling \$2,812.

I wish to thank the Building Inspector and the Townspeople for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

William Smith  
Plumbing/Gas Inspector

## PLANNING BOARD

The Middleton Planning Board has had an active year. Again we have experienced an increase in the number of building lots created by ANR or Subdivision process.

During fiscal 1996, the Planning Board held 26 meetings in which 30 ANR's were filed (Approval not required under subdivision control laws). Of these filings 7 withdrew and 21 were approved. There were four preliminary plans filed for subdivisions which resulted in one approval; 4 definitive subdivisions were filed with two approvals. The Board has made twenty recommendations to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the following: 7 site plans, 6 variances, 5 special permits and 2 findings

In addition to our regular business we also had compiled the results of the zoning survey which was a long and tedious task. The survey was mailed to 2,400 Middleton households with 13 not delivered and 741 responding which resulted in 30% return. We wish to express our thanks to the Middleton residents for their cooperation in filling out the survey and returning it promptly. The results were as follows:

No commercial growth	220
Industrial warehouse/distribution	243
Industrial manufacturing research	215
Small retail shops, services and restaurants	336
Shopping centers, strip malls	71
Large retail	63
Small professional buildings	349
Large multi-story office buildings	81

Dr. Craig Stanley stated that to sum it up, "It appears that the small retail and professional buildings got the highest votes followed by industrial warehouses. Folks don't want shopping centers, strip malls and large office buildings.

In June our Board reorganized appointing Beverly Popielski as Chairperson for the second term, accepting the new appointment of Mr. Timothy Chouinard, and the appointment of our new Clerk, Mr. Scott Hamilton. Although we gained a new member we're saddened by the loss of valued service, knowledge and dedication of our former board member Dr. Craig Stanley. We wish him great success in his endeavors and look forward to him serving on our Board at some time in the future.

We wish to thank our secretaries, Lori Tonello and her long hours and her efficient manner in which she completes our minutes. We owe our "SPECIAL THANKS" to our senior secretary, Helen Freedman who does all our scheduling and keeps us on time and in line.

Once again we would like to express our appreciation to all the Department Heads for all their ideas, and cooperation.

As Chairperson for the Board I found it to be quite a challenge as well as a learning process. I sincerely want to thank all my Board Members for their support, diligence, and expertise as it certainly helped to make my job somewhat easier. A very special thanks to our senior members Ronald Twing and Dr. Stanley who have always made themselves available.

Respectfully,

Beverly Popielski



## BOARD OF APPEALS

Regularly scheduled hearings of the Board of Appeals are held in the DPW Building, 195 North Main Street, at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month.

Applications for a public hearing must be submitted to the Town Clerk and must include the following to avoid delays in processing:

1. For each request for a site plan, variance, special permit or review of building inspector's denial, a non-refundable fee of \$75.00 is required. This fee is payable to the Town of Middleton and must accompany the application to cover the costs of Legal Notice publication and other expenses associated with the required public hearing.
2. Six copies of plans and applications, with the appropriate application number stamped by the Building Inspector.
3. It is the Applicant's responsibility to obtain a list of certified abutters (parties of interest) from the Board of Assessors Office. The form that is to be filed is included in the application.
4. The subject matter of the application, i.e., variance, site plan approval, special permit or review refusal of the Building Inspector to issue a permit.
5. The location of the area of premises including street address and assessors map number and one copy of assessors map (scale 1" = 200').

6. The name of the applicant printed or typed and signed including telephone number.
7. Applications must be approved and signed by the Building Inspector before taken to the Town Clerk.
8. The Town Clerk will accept and date stamp an application only if all items listed above are in order.

The Board will schedule a public hearing at the earliest possible date, but not later than 65 days after filing of the application pending upon the availability of the needed information and response from other interested Boards and Agencies.

The Board regrets losing the dedicated and invaluable services of Joseph Concison who chose not to seek reappointment after serving 28 years on the Board. William R. Mugford was appointed as an alternate for the ensuing FY97.

We wish to thank the Planning Board and Building Inspector for their timely input and other Boards, town officials and Town Counsel for their assistance throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Stuart H. Lord, Chairman  
 Linda Parker, Clerk      John Carrington  
 Jeffrey D. Schreiber      Richard O. Ajootian  
 Roger Drysdale, Alternate  
 Joseph Conceison, Alternate

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 During the 1995-1996 fiscal year the Board of Appeals heard a total of 31 petitions with decisions shown:

<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>Granted</u>	<u>Denied</u>	<u>Withdrawn</u>	<u>Postponed</u>
13	Variances	7	4	2	0
9	Site Plans	8	0	1	0
9	Special Permits	4	3	0	2

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## BOARD OF HEALTH

This year the Board of Health activities increased with the adoption of the new Title V in March. Persons who have had perc testing done on their land in the last twenty years but not developed the lots need to know that part of the testing will become obsolete in January 1996 as part of the new Title V. After January 1, deep test holes will have to be done again by a soil evaluator in order to be used for septic system design under the new code.

The Town grew a lot this year so that more inspections were done of septic systems than ever before. We have an arrangement to have brush (not logs or arm size branches) chipped with a regional machine we hired from Marblehead. Issues resolved this year include a septic system for houses on Lake Street which were going into the stream down from the Town water supply pond. The Town transfer station plans were approved and funds allocated to build the facility this winter. Orchard Circle had their system replaced this year.

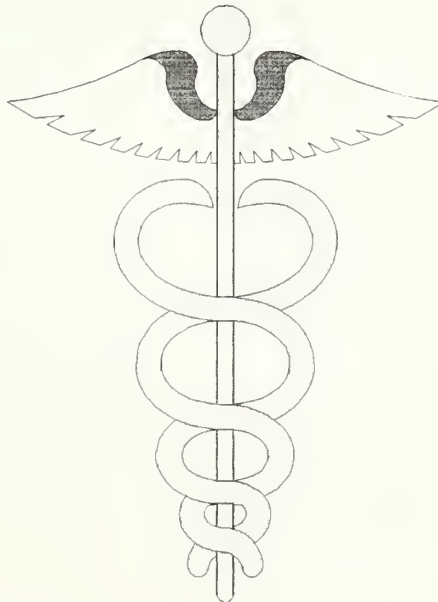
The Tobacco Control Program known as Healthy Communities showed improvement in Town this year. More vendors did not sell tobacco to minors. Lock out devices were required for vending machines in Town. Open displays of cigarettes located away from view of the store clerk were banned to prevent youths from easy pilferage.

The Board of Health members are:

Dale Buckley, Chairman  
Dr. Robert Nersasian  
Niru Patel  
Mary Jane Morrin  
Dr. Jay Afrow

Pike Messenger, part-time Conservation Commission Agent, filled in for Leo Cormier and did some of the listed inspections

Your Health Agent is Leo Cormier and secretary is Helen Freedman.



The following statistics were generated:

MEETINGS:

PERMITS & LICENSES:

Installers	45
Transport	8
Burial	11
Food Establishments	52
Milk & cream	48
Pools	8
Slush	6
Soft serve	2
Disposable work permits	22
Tanning	1
Massage Therapist	1
Water bottling	2
Hotel/Motel Camps	5
Tobacco permits	23

MHOA	2
CHNA	4
Solid Waste Committee	2
DEP	3
Carbon monoxide	1
Chapter II seminar	7
Board of Health	13
Recycling Committee	9
Healthy Community	12
Masco Health Grant	2
Housing partnership	3
Household hazardous	1
Staff meeting	1
Beverly Hospital Reg. Agents mtg	3
Essex County Health Agent mtg	1
Rowley Regional health agent mtg	1

INSPECTIONS/TESTS:

Wells tested	34
Installer tests	3
Septic inspections	311
Perculation tests	135
Septic plan review	84
Septic plan approval	60
Landfill inspections	12
Tanning salon inspection	1
Day camp inspection	6
Pool and hot tub inspection	13
Thunder Bridge testing	6
School Inspection	1
Dormitory Inspection	1
Food inspections	61

OTHER

Brush chipping	3
Complaints answered	52
Soil evaluator	6 days
Soil evaluation re-test	1
Flu clinics	2
Court dates	7
DEP open house	1
Transfer station tour	2
Tour Ogen Martin solid waste burning plant	1

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The building boom continues in our Town from Watkins Way in the North, to the summit of Ferncroft Heights in the East, from steep Flint Hill in the South, and West to Currier Road. In the last fiscal year, 319 people have become residents of the Town. In FY96 another 60 homes were built. On a once long and lonely Old Haswell Park Road off Boston Street the roar of huge machines can be heard daily from Woodstone Estates (29 lots). Development continues this year and onto the future with several pending developments still in Town.

These developments are confined to higher lands. The wetlands around them act as a sponge and clean the waters coming from these projects before they enter the streams and rivers of the Town. The rapid growth mentioned above is putting the squeeze on our wetlands and the thousands of species that depend on them. The Conservation Commissioners and their agents have done the following work in FY96:

- Held 16 public hearings.
- Heard 25 Requests for Determination of Applicability.
- Reviewed and acted upon 28 Notice of Intents (work planned by applicants).
- Issued 27 Orders of Conditions (order to protect wetlands adjacent to work).
- Issued 19 Certificates of Compliance (compliance with orders)
- Issued 6 Enforcement Orders to violators of the Act.
- Issued 8 amendments, or changes to Orders of Conditions.
- Brought 3 violators of the Act to hearings before district court Clerk-Magistrates. In all three cases the Magistrates found "probable cause" and filed complaints for criminal court proceedings.

- Conducted approximately 150 site inspections.
- Received \$9,168.58 in filing fees which were turned into the General Fund.

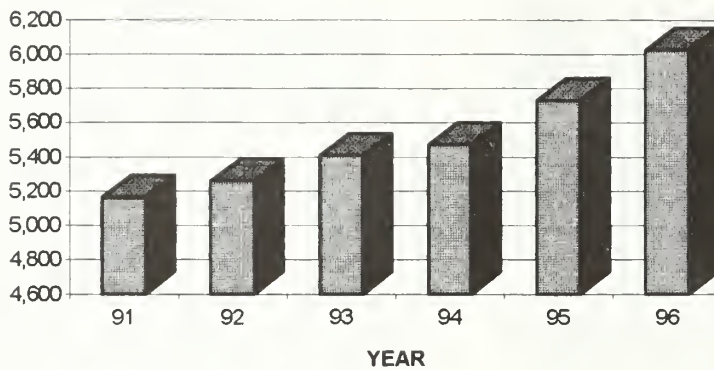
Enforcement became a major part of the Commission's efforts in 1995 and to date in 1996. Its agents filed complaints against three parties who have filled wetlands, who have done work within 100 feet from them without permits, and who have refused to restore the wetlands altered. The three have been referred to the Essex County Criminal Court at Salem for trials.

From January to May the Commission prepared a Wetland Protection Bylaw and Wetland Protection Regulations for the Town. Many of our neighboring towns in the Ipswich River Watershed have home-rule bylaws that provide wetlands with additional protection. Your Commission asked for five (See 1996 warrant), the most important being a no-disturbance zone of 25 feet around wetlands. At the Annual Town meeting in May the people present decisively voted down the proposed Bylaw and its regulations.

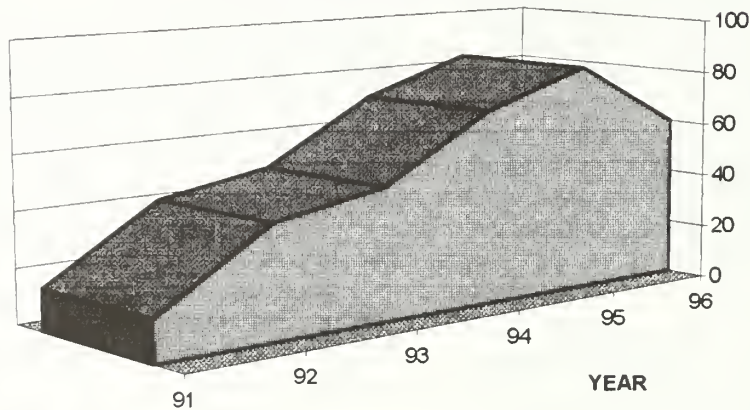
This year a bill called the Rivers Protection Act was passed by both Houses and signed by Governor Weld on August 8th. It provides a 200 foot buffer from streams and rivers that flow continuously year round. Middleton has about nine miles of the Ipswich River and about 13 miles of major tributaries flowing to it. The new Rivers Protection Act administered by the Commission will provide them with additional protection.

In last year's report (FY95) graphs of new houses and population were shown that provided hard data on the changes the Town is experiencing as it grows. Here they are again with the FY96 figures added.

### MIDDLETON POPULATION



### NEW DWELLINGS IN MIDDLETON



The Wetland Protection Act, which we administer, prevents the altering or filling of bogs, marshes, wet meadows and swamps and further requires that activity (cutting, building, excavating, etc.) within 100 feet of the wetlands listed be done only after filing with the Commission for permission. The Commission reviews the planned activity (Notice of Intent) and issues orders to ensure the wetlands are not harmed. The Commission also restricts building and filling in flood plains.

Please contact us if you have any questions regarding the Town's natural resources. (Leo Cormier or Pike Messenger) at 777-1869 or write c/o Conservation Commission, 195 North Main Street, Middleton, MA 01949

Respectfully,

### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Dr. Robert Lambe, Chairman  
Leonard Kupreance  
Gertrude Dearborn  
Warren Haas  
Sally Macdonald

### AGENTS

Leo Cormier, C.C. Administrator  
Pike Messenger, Part-time consultant

### SECRETARIES

Helen Freedman, Secretary to Board of Health and Conservation, Planning Board and Board of Appeals.

Mary Farley - minutes, orders, etc.



# SOLID WASTE PLANNING COMMITTEE

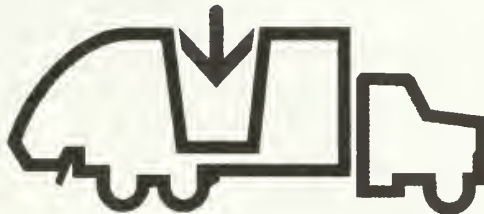
1996 has seen four years of effort by the Solid Waste Planning Committee result in the completion of both the Transfer Station Construction and Landfill Capping projects.

## TRANSFER STATION

The record breaking winter of 95 - 96 prevented construction of the Transfer Station from being started until Spring. Further delays during construction forced the opening of the Station to be put off until November. However, the town needed to close the landfill on July 1 in order to begin the massive job of capping. This meant that a temporary Transfer Station had to be set up with rented containers. Though this meant a few months of inconvenience, most residents agree that the Transfer Station was worth waiting for.

## TRASH DISPOSAL AND TRANSPORTATION

In early 1996, the town negotiated a very favorable contract with Ogden Martin Systems, a Waste to Energy plant in Haverhill Massachusetts. Middleton will be paying \$49.00 a ton for trash disposal, which is less than we had anticipated. The contract with Ogden Martin was negotiated for fifteen years with an annual increase equal to three quarters of the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The town also has one year to establish a target tonnage and will only pay a small premium in subsequent years if the tonnage is not met. This avoids the problems associated with Guaranteed Annual Tonnages (GAT) that have plagued many of our neighboring communities.



The Town's decision to purchase a truck to haul trash and recyclables rather than contract for this hauling has resulted in major cost savings as well as enabling the DPW to move these materials when it is most convenient.

## CAPPING

Under the terms of the Consent Decree which the Town negotiated with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the task of capping the Middleton Landfill had to be completed by October 31, 1996.

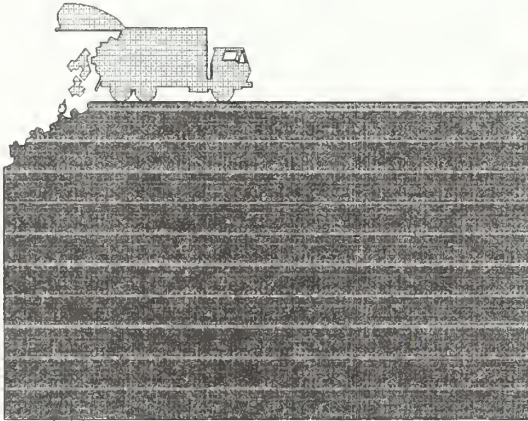
Capping the landfill was a massive construction project. It involved covering the entire ten acres with a cap consisting of a one inch thick layer of plastic. This cover permanently prevents precipitation from passing through the buried trash and eventually reaching the groundwater. A methane gas collection and venting system was also installed. Finally, the whole area was loamed and seeded to prevent erosion.

The design for the capping of the landfill was completed by Camp Dresser & McKee, the engineering firm who designed the Transfer Station. The construction contract was bid and the lowest bidder was Conroy of Boston. In May of 1996, the voters of Middleton agreed to pass a Proposition 2 1/2 override so that this project could be financed without impacting other town services.

Construction proceeded at a breakneck pace and was essentially completed by the October 31st deadline. However once again our New England weather asserted itself when record setting October rains caused considerable damage to the freshly seeded slopes of the cap. This damage has since been repaired.

## RECREATIONAL USE OF THE LANDFILL

The town had hoped to put playing fields on top of the capped landfill. This proved to be impossible because of the density of the vent pipes and the required 5% slope of the cap. However, it will be possible to accommodate two soccer fields between the capped landfill and the Hildale Avenue boundary of the property. Rough grading of this area has been completed and playing fields are scheduled for use in 1998.



The Solid Waste Planning Committee would like to thank the citizens of Middleton for their support over the past four years. Without their willingness to make the difficult decisions that had to be made, these projects could not have been brought to this successful completion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Solid Waste Planning Committee

Mary Jane Morrin , Chairman

Glenn Bambury

Leo Cormier

Nancy Jones

Robert Kelley

Charles Newhall

Robert Porteous

Dennis Roy

Ira Singer

Henry Tragert

## RECYCLING COMMITTEE

In 1995, Middleton recycled approximately 354 tons of primary recyclables including:

Mixed Paper	205 tons
Glass	37 tons
Tin & Aluminum cans	7 tons
Scrap metal	100 tons
Plastic	5 tons

110 tons of yard waste were composted and used by the DPW for projects in Town. Residents also continue to compost yard waste in their backyards and are eligible to purchase low cost compost bins through a grant administered by Essex County.

1,000 gallons of used motor oil were collected and used to heat the DPW garage. Forty Middleton residents took advantage of the 10th annual Household Hazardous Waste collection in November.

The Recycling Center showed a profit of over \$6,000 in spite of falling prices for paper. A major reason recycling was profitable, was the Town saved over \$4,300 in fees because it now does its own hauling with the truck whose purchase was approved at a Special Town Meeting.

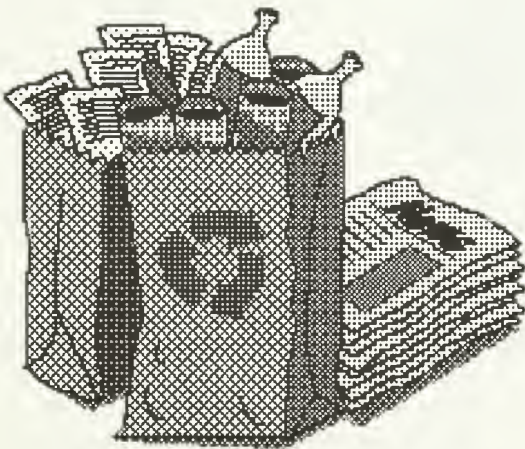
Though at year's end we are still receiving the floor price of \$50.00 per ton for most loads of paper, we may see the price decline further in the future and we may see the mills become more particular about what they will accept. However, even if the price of paper fell to zero, it would continue to make economic sense to recycle in order to avoid the \$49.00 per ton tipping fee we are paying to bring our trash to Ogden Martin in Haverhill.

Remember, residents who do not use the landfill can still use the recycling center by obtaining a recycling only sticker at the Treasurer's office. For complete information about recycling in Middleton, residents can call the E-Call hotline at 1-800-800-6881. Callers will be asked to enter their zip code on a touch tone phone. They will then hear a recording of up-to-date information about recycling, including dates of Household Hazardous Waste Events when they are available. This service to Town residents is sponsored by North Shore Recycled Fibers which is the vendor that handles most of our recyclables.

Respectfully submitted,

Middleton Recycling Committee

Mary Jane Morrin, Chairman  
Glenn Bambury  
Leo Cormier  
Nancy Jones  
Robert Kelley  
Pike Messenger  
Robert Porteous  
Dennis Roy



## CUSTODIAN OF TOWN LANDS

On November 29, 1996 the Town held its second auction since I became custodian of Town lands. The auction was held at Fuller Meadow School with many attendees.

The parcels were advertised in local newspapers and notices posted at three locations in Town. All abutters were notified in writing. Eleven parcels were sold for a total value of \$47,400. In addition to the cash received from this auction, the properties will now be placed back on the tax roles as taxable real estate.

It is the Town's intention to hold another auction in the spring of 1997. However, prior to holding the auction the Conservation

Commission and legal counsel will provide input consistent with conservation objectives and provide the Town with legal and proper title at the time of sale.

My objective continues to be to have no property owned by the Town that is not for conservation or other Town uses. Special thanks to Ira Singer and Chick Newhall for their assistance in preparation for the sale.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Murphy





## METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL

MAPC's list of activities and accomplishments for 1996 is a long and varied one. The agency is completing one of its most productive years with both staff and council members continuing to work hard to keep up with the opportunities and challenges as they are presented.

Perhaps the single most notable achievement in 1996 was the successful restructuring of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The MPO which has been composed of six agencies (four state agencies plus the MBTA Advisory Board and MAPC) is responsible for allocating financial resources from the federal government to various transportation projects in the metropolitan region. MAPC has argued for years that the organization needed to be changed in order to have better representation by local communities. When a 1995 federal review of the organization found substantial deficiencies in the existing process, the agency played a major leadership role in working with the five other MPO members to design the new organization. In addition to the existing members, the new MPO will include the city of Boston, the Turnpike Authority and three cities and three towns. The new agreement also provides that at least \$40,000,000 will be available for local highway projects in the MAPC region. The community representation to the MPO will have the decision making power for how that money is to be spent.

Elections to fill the six new community positions will take place in early 1997 at a MAPC Council meeting. Candidates must obtain the nomination of the CEOs from five communities to be on the ballot. With the exception of the Inner Core subregion, no subregion may have more than one community on the MPO. Local communities now have a voice and a vote in this important transportation process.

MAPC's GIS Lab has continued to grow and provide new services to its communities. The staff conducted a series of eight workshops on GIS data automation. The focus of the workshops was on assessor map automation. In addition to working on defining policy areas for MetroPlan 2000, the staff is also putting together a map of existing and potential bike paths throughout the MAPC region.

The agency continues to produce the Planner's Exchange series. This year there were two reports: "Community Reuses of Failed Septic Systems" and "Development Guides."



Among the several hundred meetings that the agency sponsors each year, there were several of particular note. MAPC brought in a noted national authority on Transit Oriented Development (TOD). As a result of that meeting, the agency has

formed a TOD advisory committee that will be working to encourage more concentrated development throughout the region. Another of these special meetings was an informational session on the Governor's Executive Order 384 which provided for the sunset of state regulations after a review process to determine which regulations were determined to be outdated or obsolete.

The agency continued its affiliation with the Challenge to Leadership program. This program sponsors a forum every fall for business, educational, religious, labor and government leaders to explore civic issues. The forum for this year was "Youth and Jobs in the 21st Century: Is Massachusetts Ready for the New Millennium?"

Another in the series of MAC sponsored Community Dialogues was presented. The focus was also on job training. MIT, UMass, the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston and Boston Edison were partners with the agency for this event.

MAPC's efforts in the legislative arena continued to be productive. Many of the agency's priority legislation were passed into law. The agency also continued to work with the Massachusetts Audubon Society to draft legislation which will serve to coordinate and streamline the participation of federal, state, regional and municipal agencies in a statewide land information system institution utilizing Geographic Information Systems(GIS). On the federal level MAPC began working with other organizations across the country on the process of reauthorizing the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA).

Planning continues on the Inner Circumferential Project and the North and South Rail link. MAPC is active in both of these projects. The agency also continues to expand its help to communities on a diversity of transportation projects such as the Enhancement Grant Program and Transportation Demand Management Program.

The eight subregions of the agency also continued working on their numerous projects. Several documents were produced

this year as part of the Subregional Special Project program. Among those reports of region wide interest are "The MAPC Grant Source," "Revitalizing Inner Core Commercial Areas and Squares" and "Environmental Tourism Strategies for the North Shore." Copies of these reports are available at the agency.

The 15 communities that make up the North Shore Task Force meet monthly in different town and city halls throughout the region. They discuss issues of importance to the group. Among the items they focused on this year were open space funding and how to access it, coastal access planning, the MBTA corridor study for the extension of the Blue Line, and their special project topic on environmental tourism. The group also heard reports from MAPC on other active projects such as the Route 1/114 Corridor Study. Additionally, they responded to the agency's request for comments on the Regional Transportation Plan update of existing needs.

MAPC staff responded to the town's request for information on its pavement management program.



## MASSACHUSETTS MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FOR MIDDLETON

Membership in the Massachusetts Municipal Association brings with it a rich array of important benefits for the Town of Middleton.

The MMA worked hard during last year's legislative session and has maintained this high level of effort this year to make sure school aid, lottery distribution, and other state revenue sharing commitments were kept. MMA actions on Beacon Hill resulted in higher levels of Cherry Sheet aid and other types of state support for local services than ever before.

Listed below are a few of the areas where the MMA has been at work for you and the impact on the Town of Middleton.

- ❖ Following the toughest winter on record, the MMA successfully fought for emergency funds from the state to help cities and towns with depleted snow and ice budgets. The Town of Middleton's share of this special assistance was \$18,189.
- ❖ MMA efforts ensured that the Governor and the Legislature kept their promise to phase out the cap on Cherry Sheet lottery distributions over a five-year period. The increases of \$51 million in fiscal 1996 and \$41.6 million for next year resulted in this key revenue source for the Town of Middleton growing by \$42,605 or 19% over this two-year period.
- ❖ The MMA has also been active in supporting full funding of Chapter 70 school aid, including higher levels of minimum aid. The just-voted Senate budget for fiscal 1997 included a school aid increase of \$229 million. The Town of Middleton's share of this increase is \$44,925 or 16% over the fiscal 1996 level.
- ❖ The MMA worked hard over the past year to win \$300 million in new Chapter 90 spending authorizations for local road projects. The last of the prior authorization expired in fiscal 1996. The MMA is currently pushing for release of half of these funds in early fiscal 1997. The Town of Middleton's share of the full authorization is \$385,164.
- ❖ Following an MMA-led campaign calling for full-funding of the state's share of the Police Incentive Pay Program, last August the state made a year-end addition to its original appropriation. The Town of Middleton's share of this supplemental Cherry Sheet distribution was \$1,779.





# MIDDLETON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## School Committee

Thomas Skinner, Chairman	Term expires	1999
Douglas Mathews, Vice Chairman	Term expires	1997
Deb Geisler, Secretary	Term expires	1997
Roger Drysdale	Term expires	1998
Paul Woodbury	Term expires	1999
Georgia Lewis	Term expired	1996

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE OPERATION

The Middleton School Committee holds regular monthly meetings generally once per month throughout the school year. Meetings are usually held on the second Thursday of the month at the Fuller Meadow School. Additional working sessions and meetings for special purposes such as budget and policy development are also scheduled. Interested citizens should check notices at Town Hall which are posted two days or more in advance of any scheduled meeting. Sessions are open to the public and citizens are encouraged to attend. Individuals or groups may suggest an item to be placed on the agenda by forwarding a written request to the Superintendent of Schools or the Chairperson of the School Committee.

The School Committee has all the powers conferred on it by state law and must perform those duties mandated by the state. Its responsibilities are varied but relate primarily to policy determination. Some of the duties of the School Committee include:

- Preparation of an annual budget
- Program evaluations
- Approval of curriculum and materials
- Planning school services
- Collective bargaining
- Public relations

While the School Committee acts directly as the policy making body relative to general educational policy, it seeks input from a variety of sources in its deliberations. The School Committee actively seeks the counsel and support of the administration, staff, School Councils, PTO, parents and the community. This input is generated through written and verbal communication within the school community, biannual Open Forums on pertinent topics (e.g. curriculum, school hours, transportation) and working closely with other

Town Boards and committees. Individuals and groups wishing to address the School Committee at a meeting may do so on the agenda under "Remarks from the Public" or contact the chairperson by telephone or in writing.

## MILESTONES

In May 1996, Georgia Lewis completed her term service as a member of the Middleton School Committee. Mrs. Lewis decided not to run for reelection to the Committee. Her more than twenty-five years of service as a teacher and School Committee member are most appreciated and will be missed.

## STRATEGIC PLANNING/ DISTRICT GOALS

In January of 1994, as part of their strategic planning process the School Committee drafted a Mission Statement and a set of Core Values to serve as the foundation for future goal setting and decision making. These statements were refined through an open process involving parents, staff, and the school community. The adopted statements are as follows:

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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The missions of the Middleton Elementary Schools, in cooperation with family and community, are to instill a joy of learning in all students, to promote academic excellence, to be supportive of children's social and emotional needs, and to constantly strive for improvement in these areas.

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### **CORE VALUES OF THE MIDDLETON ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

All children can be successful if they: are provided with opportunities to learn, are active in their own education, and are exposed to a variety of enriching experiences at school and home.

A strong climate of respect between children and the entire school community is necessary for children to reach their potential as productive students and citizens.

Effective education must be a partnership between school, home and community.

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Also in 1994, the School Committee expressed its support and commitment for a Strategic Planning process to achieve long term District Goals through the focused allocation of effort and resources. A District Strategic Plan was developed for the period 1994 - 1997 which defines targeted activities and measurable outcomes in support of the District Goals.

The District Goals for 1994-1997, developed with school-based and district input, are as follows:

#### **1. Curriculum**

To insure consistency and continuity in the delivery of the most current and research-based curriculum by providing:

- ❖ adequate, appropriate texts and materials
- ❖ effective, high impact professional development
- ❖ appropriate student progress and program assessment tools
- ❖ accountability through administrative support, monitoring, and evaluation

#### **2. Technology**

To plan for the utilization of technology as a communications and teaching tool which integrates with curriculum in a manner that:

- ❖ promotes more effective learning
- ❖ reflects how information and resources are accessed, analyzed, and communicated in the real world
- ❖ promotes critical thinking skills

#### **3. Learning Needs**

To provide an educational environment, instructional strategies, and learning opportunities that address the diverse learning needs of all students within and outside classrooms.

#### **4. Physical Plant**

To provide physical plant facilities that maximize the range of learning opportunities through the provision and maintenance of adequate space and equipment.

The major function of the School Committee continues to be the provision of the highest quality educational program within available funding resources. The grade level structure locates Kindergarten through Grade Two at the Fuller Meadow School and Grade Three through Grade Six at the Howe-Manning School. Ongoing curriculum renewal is provided through a strategic planning effort which addresses each major curriculum area on a seven year cycle. The current school year 1996-1997, is the first year of implementation of a revised Language Arts Curriculum. Materials for this implementation will be acquired over a two year period. During this year the Technology Plan was filed with the State Department of Education. New curriculum initiatives presently underway include Science, Music, Art and Physical Education.

### **SCHOOL MANAGEMENT**

The principal is responsible for the daily operation of each school. This responsibility includes curriculum, instruction, personnel matters, student issues and physical plant.

School Councils are in place in each school. Members include the principal, parents (elected), teachers (elected), and a community member (appointed by the principal). The role of the School Council is to advise the principal on areas of school improvement. A three year School Improvement Plan is developed by the School Council and approved by the School Committee.

The Superintendent is appointed by the Tri-Town School Union Committee (Superintendency Union 58). The School Union Committee jointly employs the Superintendent (PK-6), Assistant Superintendent, Administrator of Special Education, Director of Facilities and

Operations as well as the secretarial and bookkeeping staff of the Central Office. The Superintendent acts as the Chief Executive Officer of the School Committee in the operation of the schools.

### **SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION TRI-TOWN SCHOOL UNION**

School Superintendent:

Joseph J. Connelly, Ed. D.

Assistant Superintendent:

Bernard F. Creeden, Ed. D.

Administrator of Special Education:

Vickie Charlton

Director of Facilities and School Operations:

Craig Robinson

The Tri-Town School Union offices are located in the Masconomet Regional High School.

The mailing address is Proctor School,

60 Main Street

Topsfield 01983.

Telephone: 887-1503

### **SUPERVISING PRINCIPAL**

Michelle Fitzpatrick

Offices:

Howe-Manning School

Grades PS, 3-6

774-3519

Fuller Meadow School Grades K-2

750-4756

### **PRESCHOOL COORDINATOR**

Deanne Shiningier

Office: Howe-Manning School

774-3519

**1995-1996**

### **FULLER MEADOW SCHOOL TEACHERS**

Catherine Driscoll	Kindergarten
Jeanne Lordan	Kindergarten
Jennifer Fuller	Grade One
Beverly Napieracz	Grade One
Kimberly Dugan	Grade One
Janet Riley	Grade One
Barbara Putnam	Grade One
Stacey Begin	Grade Two
Eileen Evey Mulligan	Grade Two
Louise Kennedy	Grade Two(.5) /Reading (.5)
Sheila Standing	Grade Two(.5) /Reading (.5)
Debra Cameron	Grade Two

### **HOWE-MANNING SCHOOL**

Kelly Hobey	Grade Three
Jeralyn O'Connor	Grade Three
Joyce Williamson	Grade Three
Mary Anne Amero	Grade Four
Barbara Deeley	Grade Four
Judy Foley	Grade Four
Kevin Husson	Grade Four
Stephen Belgiorio	Grade Five (.67) Ass't to Principal (.33)
Susan Costas	Grade Five (.33)
Cynthia Melancon	Grade Five
Carolyn White	Grade Five
Jane Ditto	Grade Six
Mary Pelrine	Grade Six
Jean Poirier	Grade Six

### **SPECIALISTS**

Diane Hekimian	Art
Fran Pierce	Music
Ann Montani	Physical Education (.6)
Patricia Haines	Physical Education (.4)
Maureen Leuke	HM/Guidance (.5)
Deanne Shiningier	HM/FM Resource Room(.2)
Allison O'Leary	FM/ Resource Room
Muriel Gravalles	HM/ Resource Room
Carlotta Miller	HM/FM Speech & Language

Rosemary Gentile	FM/Speech & Language (.2)
Penny Rogers	HM/ Reading (.48)
Ann Daniels	HM/ Library
Susan Halsey	FM/ Library Aide
Marie Pelletier	HM/ Title One
Janice Crounse	FM/ Title One (PT)
Sandra Rubchinuk	Preschool
Julie Shea	Preschool

#### INSTRUCTIONAL AIDES

Christine Burditt	HM/ Special Education
Kelly Reardon	HM/ Preschool
Mary Ellen Cerullo	HM/ Preschool
Faith McCarthy	HM/ Preschool
Chris Wojciechowski	HM/ Preschool
Sharon Labastie	HM/ Preschool
Cindy Dellea	FM/ Kindergarten
Linda Matola	FM/ Kindergarten
Susan Mulloy	FM/ Kindergarten
Janet Bilicki	FM/ Special Education
Susan Olmsted	HM/ Special Education

#### TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANT

Pamela Moline HM/Computer Lab

#### SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

William Wiswell M.D.

#### NURSES

Dale Marshall Fuller Meadow  
Jennifer Gilardi Howe-Manning

#### SECRETARIES

Joan Garber Fuller Meadow  
Alice Tierney Howe-Manning

#### FOOD SERVICE

Tynne Sweeney Director  
Ann Richardson Fuller Meadow  
Patricia Gettings FM/ Cashier  
Sheila Lischner FM/ Lunch Aide  
Sandra Bixby FM/ Lunch aide  
Irene Ashley Howe-Manning  
Nancy Thurber Howe-Manning  
Sandra Pollock HM/ Cashier  
Elizabeth Wetmore HM/ Lunch Aide

Frances Novakowski HM/ Lunch Aide  
Sharon McCarthy HM/ Lunch Aide

#### CUSTODIANS

Ernest Morin Head Custodian  
Carol Twombly Fuller Meadow (PT)  
Frank Consoli Fuller Meadow (PT)  
Manny Correia Howe Manning (PT)  
George Lougee Howe Manning (PT)  
William McGuire Howe Manning (PT)  
Arthur McGuire Howe Manning (PT)

School Enrollment October 1, 1995

GRADE	PS	K	1	2	3	4	5	6
Fuller Meadow	85	80	106	93				
Howe Manning					65	84	81	91

DISTRICT TOTAL = 600  
(plus 85 preschool students)

#### ENROLLMENT TRENDS 1988-1996

YEAR	K-6	Increase	% Increase
1988-89	371	25	7.0%
1989-90	382	11	3.0%
1990-91	396	14	3.5%
1991-92	426	30	7.5%
1992-93	427	1	0.0%
1993-94	475	48	11.2%
1994-95	530	55	10.4%
1995-96	600	52	9.8%

The above figures indicate an increase in enrollment in the Middleton Elementary Schools of **229** student.s over an eight year period. This represents a **61.7%** increase in the student population over this time period.

#### FISCAL OPERATION

The budget development process is an extensive and involved task during which the Committee must make difficult decisions to bring into balance both the financial concerns of the community and elements of high quality, appropriate educational services. Increasing costs associated with increased enrollment, school transportation, special education, building maintenance, and minimal salary

increases, must be addressed with consideration of uncertain fiscal support from the state.

The School Department budget for the year 1995/96 was as shown:

General Administration and Supervision	\$204,251
Instructional Salaries	1,120,046
Instructional Materials	69,667
Other School Services	40,286
Regular Transportation	107,106
Fuel and Power	43,466
Building Operations and Maintenance	125,152
Health Insurance	41,000
Special Education	494,305
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,245,279</b>

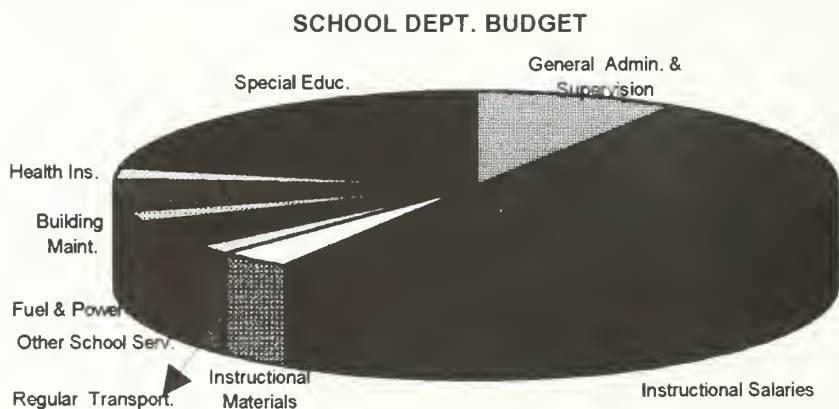
## GRANTS

In the area of Special Education, PL 94-142 and Early Childhood/Integrated Preschool are two continuing grants that partially fund a part time guidance counselor , special needs aides, a part-time preschool coordinator and a limited amount of teacher in-service training.

A Dwight D. Eisenhower Title II Grant supports staff development programs in elementary mathematics and science. A Curriculum Frameworks Study Group grant was utilized to investigate portfolio assessment and to review state curriculum frameworks draft documents.

A grant from the Federal Safe and Drug Free Schools Program was used to provide training and materials for implementation of the Here's Looking at You 2000!, as well as other safety and substance abuse prevention initiatives in the two schools.

The school systems of Middleton, Boxford, and Topsfield including Masconomet were awarded





a continuation of the Comprehensive Health Education and Human Services grant by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This grant is designed to support health curriculum development and implementation.

The Tri-Town Educational Foundation is a non-profit local citizens' group that raises funds for the sole benefit of the Middleton, Topsfield, and Boxford Schools and Masconomet. During the 1996-1997 school year, funding provided by the Tri-Town Education Foundation has supported several initiatives including: "Lego Dacta Control System", "Hands On Archeology", "Math Magic", and "There's More Than Mammals".

Best Bet once again generously supported the funding of field trips, student incentives and assembly programs in both schools as well as the installation of the Massachusetts Corporation for Educational Telecommunications (MCET) Mass LearnPike satellite dish.

## **EDUCATIONAL REFORM**

During the past two years the State Board of Education has approved and disseminated Curriculum Frameworks in Mathematics, Science and Technology, World Languages, Health and Fine Arts. Final approval is expected this year for the English Language Arts and Social Studies Frameworks.

Teacher recertification and extensive professional development were emphasized again this year. A Professional Development Council has been established to coordinate this effort.

The School Committee established local Standards of Effective Teaching and Administrative Leadership based on the "Principles of Effective Teaching and Administrative Leadership" adopted by the State Board of Education. The School Committee has, in turn, negotiated a revised evaluation process with the Middleton Education Association based on these standards.

Another requirement of Educational Reform this past year was the completion of an analysis of Time On Learning for the Department of Education. Kindergarten students must be scheduled to receive a minimum of 425 hours of structured learning time and students in Grades One to Six must be scheduled to receive 900 hours of instruction during the school year. Middleton students are presently scheduled for more than the required time.

## **CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT**

In accordance with the regular curriculum development cycle, a broad-based Elementary Language Arts Committee consisting of teachers, administrators, and parents from Middleton, Topsfield, and Boxford was initiated in the fall of 1993 to begin the review and research phase of the process for renewing this curriculum. An extensive review of research, literature, and successful practices served as the foundation for the system wide philosophy and curriculum resource guide for reading, writing, speaking, and listening. It is affirmed that no one approach to literacy acquisition is appropriate for all students, that an eclectic view that addresses the learning styles and specific needs of individual children within the classroom is needed for maximizing the success of programmatic efforts. The utilization of authentic, unabridged quality children's literature as a major source of reading material is emphasized. A process approach to the improvement of writing skills is affirmed by which students develop ideas, produce drafts, revise, edit, and eventually publish original materials for specific audiences. The development of clearly defined grade level objectives, agreement on core literature for each grade level the production of Curriculum Guidebooks and the recommendation of materials to deliver the curriculum were completed and approved during the 1995/1996 school year.

## **EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

An integrated preschool program has been established at the Howe-Manning School to provide an environment in which both special needs and typical students share participation in a developmental learning, cost-effective, and purposeful program.

## ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

The Massachusetts Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) has, since 1988, been administered every other year in the spring to students in grade four. These Assessment Tests deal with reading, writing, math, science, and social studies and provide information to the schools on areas of curriculum and instruction, assisting the district in identifying strengths and weaknesses in the programs of study. The Assessment Tests include open ended questions requiring narrative answers in an effort to evaluate problem solving and communications skills.

Middleton scores were high in comparison to districts designated as similar by the Department of Education. This affirmed that the effort and resources dedicated to an aggressive ongoing process of program renewal has resulted in our curriculum being current, comprehensive, and well taught.

In June of each school year, the Middleton Elementary Schools have utilized the Iowa Test of Basic Skills in reading, language, math, and work-study skills in an effort to obtain detailed information on the ability and growth of individual students in numerous sub-skill areas so that appropriate instructional programs may be prescribed. These tests are administered in grades three and five. The National Achievement Test in reading and language arts was administered for the first time in June to grade two students. Results are shared with the teaching staff and individual student reports are sent home to parents. As part of the transition to Grade 7, Masconomet Junior High School personnel administer a math test and a writing sample to Grade 6 students in May.

Results from all components of the standardized testing program are utilized in conjunction with direct teacher input in an attempt to monitor, evaluate, and continually fine-tune the instructional process. The administration is committed to an ongoing review of the assessment program in an attempt to maximize consistency between curriculum goals and the system for evaluating those goals. Administrators and teachers continue to actively consider research based alternatives to our current program that may better serve the needs of children.

## EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

Educational technology combines new tools of learning (computer, software, video discs, video production, CD-ROM, distance learning, networking and on-line accesses) to integrate, extend and enhance the teaching and learning process for students of all ages in all curriculum areas. To make use of these emerging technologies for classroom instruction the School Committee has developed a long-term plan.

This plan is a comprehensive proposal to provide the tools, curriculum, staffing and professional development necessary to enable Middleton elementary school students to use educational technology effectively, thus holding in their own hands the means to shape and influence their own future.

To develop the Middleton Elementary Schools Technology Plan the School Committee established a task force in September 1994. The task force includes teachers, staff, parents, members of the community, School Committee members, representatives of town boards and other interested parties.



Task Force working groups have focused on the following key action areas:

1. Curriculum - improving instruction
2. Professional Development - giving educators new skills
3. Community connections - generating supports, ideas and resources to link schools and the community
4. Implementation Plan - applying quality criteria to recommended solutions

The plan outlines a course of action that seeks a significant investment from a variety of public and private sources over the next five years in order to build upon the opportunities for improved learning that already exist in the area of technology across the curriculum for all students; high quality professional development for all staff, parent and community education offerings; efficient telecommunications between the schools, central office, Masconomet, the public library, other town offices and eventually between home and school.

Four underlying goals have been proposed to direct the elementary schools technology initiatives for the next five years:

- A) Provide a learning environment which enables students to master the appropriate uses of technology to produce higher achievement, increased creativity, greater application of critical thinking skills and the desire for life long learning.
- B) Provide evidence of the capability of educational technology to improve student learning.
- C) Prepare teachers and staff for roles as teaming facilitators through continuous professional development opportunities.
- D) Recognize and build on the human resources in the Middleton community to: share ideas and resources; generate strong support for educational technology; develop partnerships which allow for the maximum use of technology to link curriculum and instruction at the elementary level, with Masconomet, with the town and regional library systems and other educational organizations.

The plan requires broad support from many constituencies in town for it to be fully realized. Many activities consistent with the goals of the five-year plan have been in evidence this year. The major activity presently underway involves the wiring of the Fuller Meadow School as well as the equipping a new Technology Lab there as part of the building expansion project. Additional support for technology initiatives has come from the Middleton PTO, the Tri-Town Education Foundation.

## **TEACHER IN-SERVICE TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

The Fuller Meadow School Council Improvement Plan, the Howe-Manning School Council Improvement Plan and the District Strategic Plan each place a strong emphasis on professional development and training for staff which focus upon identified curriculum and organizational priorities as well as the diverse learning needs of children. The primary areas of focus for 1995/96 and 1996/97 continued to include portfolio development, language arts, new approaches to the teaching of spelling, techniques for developing more inclusive classrooms, critical thinking skills, Talents Unlimited, and technology integration. The School Committee continues to provide resources within its budget for professional development. In addition, the application of available grant funds from the State Department of Education has been instrumental in creating opportunities for teachers and other staff to maintain and update their professional skills. The School Committee continues to believe that professional development for staff is an important investment that will result in improved learning opportunities for children and increased achievement.

## **SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION**

School districts are mandated by state and federal laws to provide special education services to those students with a special need who require support in order to make effective educational progress and to ensure that these services occur in the least restrictive environment.

As of January 1997, there were 126 special needs students in the Middleton Elementary Schools including 39 at Fuller Meadow, 65 at Howe-Manning, 4 in out-of-district placements



and 18 preschoolers, 13 of whom are enrolled in the Middleton Integrated Preschool Program operated by the School Committee.

During the 1996-1997 school year, the Special Education staff has consisted of Special Education Administrator, a part-time assistant to the Administrator, a special education secretary, five full time or part-time resource room teachers, two integrated preschool teachers, fourteen full and part-time instructional aides (including those who work with specific individual students whose needs require one-on-one assistance), two part-time counselors, and a full time and part-time speech/language therapist.

Support services offered to students in the Middleton Schools range from monitoring their progress in the regular education classes and consulting with their regular education teachers, to total academics in a substantially separate language-based program. As a school system, Middleton is committed to mainstreaming our special education students and continues to pursue effective ways to integrate our children into regular education programming.

When the need for specialized support services arises, the school department contracts with outside vendors. This past year different private agencies and individuals were utilized to provide occupational therapy and physical therapy.

Middleton also belongs to the Greater Lawrence Educational Collaborative which is comprised of several Merrimack Valley school districts who come together with shared concerns. The Collaborative provides programs for low incident special needs students, serves as a resource to address special education issues, and offers many needed support services.

Parent involvement in Special Education is strongly encouraged and welcomed. Middleton, Topsfield, and Boxford parents of special education students have joined together to form the Parent Advisory Council (PAC). The PAC meets regularly during the school year. It has served as an arena for parents to discuss mutual concerns, arranged for a variety of interesting speakers, created a lending library, sponsored fund raising and other events, and provided input into the Special Education Department's programs and policies.

## **CLOSING STATEMENT**

The School Committee concluded the 1995-1996 school year with the growing anticipation of fulfilling the promise of the confidence expressed in our schools as evidenced by the support of the taxpayers for the renovation and expansion of the Fuller Meadow School. The School Committee looks forward to working with the Building Committee to complete the school expansion project at Fuller Meadow when children and teachers occupy the new space in September 1997.

The School Committee continues to be most appreciative of spirit and enthusiasm that is present in the community to help make our schools the best possible places to teach and learn.

Respectfully Submitted,

MIDDLETON SCHOOL COMMITTEE





## SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Over the last year the Fuller Meadow School project has progressed into a world class educational facility. In a very short time the building will be available for the Town's use. The addition of a new library, gym and fourteen classrooms to the renovated eleven classrooms at the Fuller Meadow School and the eighteen classrooms at the Howe-Manning School, will provide pre-kindergarten to grade 6 student population with the necessary classroom space they need well into the next century.

The largest building project that the Town has ever approved is finally coming to a conclusion. This process started a number of years ago when it was realized that we were running out of school space because of our residential growth. We are now in a position to handle the demand put on our classroom space and maintain the class size within School Committee guidelines (22-25) for optimal learning. This project also protects and maximizes the Town's investment in the existing school buildings.

The Committee has kept an eye on every nickel that was expended. Important decisions were made all along. Discussions included topics such as the quality, quantity, and size of materials used, all the way to what color the tiles should be in the hallways. Through these meetings we added items of importance and took insignificant items away from the project. The end result should be an elementary school that is second to none. The building will be ready before the beginning of the school year and without any unforeseen problems that project should come in under budget.

Far more than money was required to have this project move along as smoothly as it did. Right from the beginning of this process a dedicated group of people volunteered for this committee. their top agenda items were to see that the school children got a building that was adequate for educational purposes and that the taxpayers got the best value for their money.

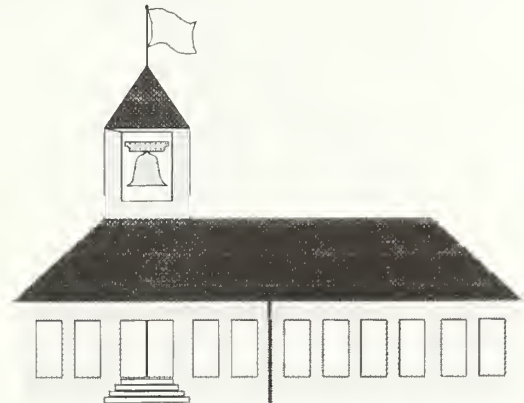
The following is a list of the dedicated men and women who have given a tremendous amount of their time and effort to see this project succeed.

### VOTING MEMBERS

Richard Ajootian  
Roger Drysdale  
Steve Durham  
Deborah Geisler  
Emanuele Gulino  
Richard Mercurio  
Robert Murphy  
Giovanni Muro  
Robert Porteous  
Henry Tragert

### NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Ira Singer  
Michelle Fitzpatrick  
Craig Robinson  
Joan Garber  
Ken Dinisco  
Leno Filippi



I would like to thank all those who served on the committee for all the hard work they gave. I would also like to thank all the residents of our great town who have supported this project.

Respectfully submitted,

James G. Hosman  
School Building Committee Chairman

# NORTH SHORE REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## CONCEPTUAL MASTER PLAN STUDY

The Conceptual Master Plan Study should be completed in the next several weeks. Phase two of this process must now be done. The appropriation to do Phase Two will be included in the 1997-98 budget. A ten-page Executive Summary of the Master Plan is available at the school.

## ADMINISTRATION

The North Shore Regional Vocational School District Committee, comprised of one member appointed to represent each member community, is the governing body of the School District. The Superintendent-Director and the administrative team carry out the policies of the District School Committee and oversee the daily operation of the school.

## ENROLLMENT

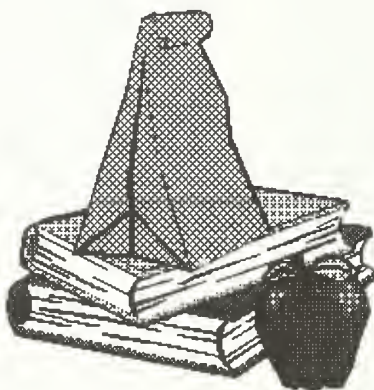
Student enrollment as of October 1 was 476. There continues to be strong interest in vocational education and in the small, homelike atmosphere offered by North Shore. The school, however, continues to experience space shortages in classrooms, the library and the cafeteria. The lack of an auditorium and athletic fields also hinder the full growth of North Shore Tech. In order to address space concerns, the District has secured the services of LPBA, an architectural firm from Boston, to assess the facilities and project the future needs of the District. To date, the report has not been accepted by the School Committee.

Students participate in programs in Automotive Technology, Carpentry, Commercial Art, Collision Repair Technology, Culinary Arts, Marketing Education, Fashion Design, Electronics/Computer Technology, Masonry, Health Technology, Manufacturing Technology, Job Skills Training and Building Management. Programs in Welding, and the Automotive program offered in Beverly were closed for lack of enrollment and efficiency of operation respectively. The Health Technology program

was brought to the Middleton campus from Beverly, further stressing the space problem here.

## CURRICULUM

Under the leadership of its Superintendent-Director, North Shore Technical High School chose to stress two initiatives school-wide this year: student reading level and study skills. With these two efforts, the administration believes that students will be better prepared to learn in all areas of instruction across the curriculum.



Incoming ninth graders arrive at North Shore with an eclectic collection of reading, writing, mathematical and study skills. Presumably, statewide reforms in curriculum and assessment will eventually mean that student skills are more uniform. That, however, remains a dream for the long term. During the first week of school in August, ninth grade students were exposed to a week long regimen of strategies and skills relating to the discipline of how to study. Each student's English teacher talked about how to do homework, how to study, how to review for tests, and how to take tests. Each student also received a planner in which to write homework, social engagements, and personal test scores. Other ninth grade teachers reinforced the concepts in their own content areas from time to time throughout the school year. It is hoped that focusing on these fundamental learning skills will serve the students well throughout their school careers.

Reading scores present similar concerns. Testing reveals that over 32% of students coming to North Shore read at the fourth grade level and 47% are below grade six. This alarming statistic led to the school-wide focus on reading. Incoming ninth grade students are tested to determine their reading ability. A student's reading class schedule is established based on his/her level of competency.

In order to maximize the student's interest and motivation to participate actively in the reading program, a new computer laboratory was installed in the second floor. Using the powerful

Success Maker software package, student reading levels are measured and appropriate reading lessons are prescribed to improve their reading and spelling skills.

The Professional Development Committee continues to set the course for teacher training within the district. Strands are planned in inclusion, technology, and integration. Teachers are encouraged to maintain their individual professional development plans in order to be eligible for re-certification by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as teachers. Teachers and administrators are represented on the committee because the District believes that Professional Development of both teachers and administrators is in the best interest of everyone in the District.

### **SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

The Special Education Department is made up of ten teachers, two aides, one instructional practitioner, and one speech/language pathologist.

Small classes in English, math, science, and social studies are offered to students on an individualized education plan. These classes parallel the regular education curriculum and are taught by teachers with certification in moderate special needs.

Additionally, we offer inclusion classes in all grades and every academic subject area. These classes are team-taught by members of the regular education and special education staff. Along with this, we offer academic support and foster organizational skills in the Tutoring Center.

Our two 502.4 programs are designed for students with special needs who are developing skills for competitive employment. The "Job Skills" program is designed to provide functional academics, vocational training, and independent living skills. The "Building Management" program is designed to provide functional academics and vocational training specific to building maintenance.

The total enrollment for the special education department is 199 students which is approximately 44% of the students at North Shore Technical High School. The breakdown according to prototype is:

- 8% of students are classified as 502.1 (modified program)
- 68% of students are classified as 502.2 (up to 25% of time in a separate program)
- 14% of students are classified as 502.3 (up to 25-60% of time in a separate program)
- 10% of students are classified as 502.4 (a substantially separate program)

### **INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS**

The spring of 1996 found the Athletic Department with a major crisis. The Town of Middleton closed all fields to use by North Shore Regional for our athletic programs. We were able to locate and rent a practice softball field in Topsfield, and the Beverly Little League gave us



use of Harry Ball Field for softball games. We were not as lucky locating a practice site for the Baseball team. On some days we were able to send the team to use the soccer field at Essex Aggie, which does not have a baseball diamond or backstop, on other days we just had to practice in the gym as best we could. There are very few full size baseball diamonds in the area and they are being used most of the time by other groups. We were able to locate several fields in surrounding towns in order to play some games but, many games that were scheduled to be played as home games had to be played on the road at the opponents field. This will be an ongoing problem especially for baseball until our fields can be constructed.



The fall season saw the soccer and volleyball teams with a slight decrease in numbers early in the season but both programs solidified and were very competitive. Home soccer games were played on a rented field in Topsfield. The football program continues to expand with an increasing amount of participants, 29 new freshman came out for the team forcing us to purchase additional equipment. The varsity football team finished its second year in the Commonwealth Conference with a 4 -1 league record, good enough for a second place finish, and a 5-5 overall record. Essex Aggie allowed us to use land on their property for practices. Although this was not an ideal setting, it was at least a place to practice every afternoon. Masconomet was gracious enough to lend us their football field for four of our home games. Lynnfield and North Reading each let us use their fields for one game. The cheering squad entered its first ever competition at Greater Lowell Vocational and although they did not place, they represented the school well.

A major improvement in the athletic program this year was the addition of a Certified Athletic Trainer. The budget allowed for coverage of all varsity football games and most home soccer games. The trainer was in 2-3 days per week for the fall season. For the winter season, the trainer is in again 2-3 days per week and able to cover most home basketball games, both girls and boys. This has provided greatly improved injury evaluation and care for our athletes. Hopefully the budget will be able to afford increased services for next year. However, we do not really have adequate space for a training room. We have been using the aerobics/exercise room for this purpose.

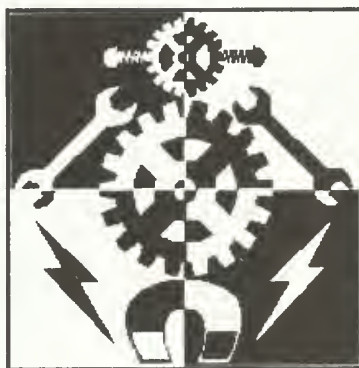
We are currently in the middle of the winter season. The boys basketball team had a great turnout and we are again competing at three levels: varsity, junior varsity, and freshman. The girls basketball team is in its first year of full league play in the Commonwealth Conference and has been very competitive. Youth is playing a big factor as there are ten, ninth grade girls on a squad of 16. This bodes well for the future.

The two ongoing problems facing the athletic programs are lack of space and fields. Insufficient space for locker rooms, a training

room, storage, and offices becomes an increasing burden as the programs continue to grow. Field space here at the school needs to be developed as soon as possible in order to make better use of time allowed for practices as well as cutting down on transportation to and from practice fields every day.

## CAREER EXPLORATION

Ninth grade students explore each vocational/technical area for a period of five days, and their performance is evaluated by shop teachers on the basis of several criteria. Upon completion of the exploratory program, the student chooses a shop for the remainder of the freshman year, and in most cases, remains in that shop for the following three years.



To assist students in their selection, a series of career guidance sessions have been introduced into the ninth grade English classes. Among the topics covered are the meaning of work and the skills and attitudes needed for success on the job. The classes culminate in a job shadowing experience. In combination, the shop experience, teacher evaluations, classroom group guidance, and

individual counseling help students select the vocational/technical area best related to his/her interests, aptitudes, and achievements.

## PLACEMENT

The class of 1996 at North Shore Tech graduated on June 6, 1996. Seventy-two percent of the class was placed in a job in their vocational area or trade-related positions. Twenty-four percent matriculated at post-secondary institutions and four percent entered the military on full-time active duty.

Almost fifty percent of the class of 1996 participated in the Cooperative Education program and most continued this placement on a full-time basis after graduation. Each of our graduates is aware of our permanent placement service which offers them an opportunity to receive career guidance and assistance with future placement.



## **SCHOOL TO WORK**

North Shore Tech has actively been involved in the Massachusetts School-to-Work Initiatives since October 1994. We are the fiscal agent for the Western Essex Partnership but also active participants in the North Coastal Partnership and the Greater Lynn Partnership. Five teachers have been designated as the School-to-Work Coordinators and are the liaisons between North Shore Tech and the three partnerships. The Western Essex Partnership has received a \$50,000 planning grant and is awaiting word on an incentive grant proposal submitted in December 1996.

The School-to-Work Grant encourages students to explore career opportunities and develop a career awareness early in their school career. We have developed a program for our ninth grade exploratory students using our Student Services Department, Lead Teachers, and School-to-Work personnel. We hope that our ninth graders learn that their interests translate into vocational skills and career goals. A student's career pathway will hopefully add focus to their academic and vocational studies.

## **TECH PREP**

Tech Prep is a national program which offers eleventh and twelfth graders an opportunity to earn college credits while they finish their high school diploma. The Tech Prep program is alive and well at North Shore Technical High School. We currently offer six vocational Tech Prep courses which are as follows: Marketing, Electronics, Manufacturing, Health Tech, Culinary Arts and Auto Tech. Presently there are sixty-one students enrolled in these programs with ten faculty designated as team members.

## **SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER**

The School Social Worker/Adjustment Counselor works with the at risk population who are referred by faculty and administration. Students serviced by the School Social Worker present a wide range of social and emotional issues from teen pregnancy, homelessness, and substance abuse that often hamper their ability to be successful in school. North Shore Technical High School is often the one stability in their chaotic lives. Students are referred to various Social Service Agencies outside of school, as well as being provided with

crisis intervention until appropriate services can be obtained.

Various groups are offered to students throughout the year. These groups are coordinated with Project Rap and Children's Friend & Family Services. Students monitored on a probationary status through the Admission team are tracked by the school social worker. Support services are provided to these students as deemed appropriate. Community agencies, i.e., D.S.S., Health Quarters Counseling Centers, Probation, services are all coordinated through the School Social Worker.

Finally, there is a weekly High Risk Meeting held for Administration and Student Services to help facilitate communication and monitoring of the students who are at risk.



## **HEALTH OFFICE - SCHOOL NURSE**

The health office provides the traditional services of administering first aid; vision, hearing, and postural screenings; maintenance of health and immunization records; and the reporting and tracking of infectious diseases.

Students with various chronic health care needs attend North Shore Technical High School. Students with asthma, seizures, insulin dependent diabetes, hypertension, cardiac problems and those needing daily medication for ADD/ADHD and psychological problems are managed in the health office. Students and staff can have their blood pressure, blood glucose and lung volume measured and monitored in the health office.

The challenging issues of child abuse, violence, depression, pregnancy and drug involvement are now faced in the health office. The school nurse works closely with the social worker on these issues, attending the weekly high risk meeting. The nurse also follows up on unconfirmed absences daily.

Administrative tasks include tracking accident reports for the Safety Committee, completing worker's compensation forms and student insurance forms.

## **BUILDING AND GROUNDS**

The building program at North Shore Tech is starting to move ahead. A master plan is now being developed to see the needs of the future. Plans are now in the works to complete a partially finished addition.

At this time, space for shops and classrooms are over loaded. Up grades in our electrical system have been made to accommodate existing and new computer labs. We are now in the beginning stages of planning to update our HVAC system to stay within air quality standards. This will also allow us to be as efficient as possible to keep fuel cost under control.

## **TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT**

The Transportation Department provided transportation to 373 students on a daily basis to and from school. Transportation was also provided



for 40 bridge program students still at the Beverly campus to and from school as well as from Middleton to Beverly and back. Also provided were three late buses, three days a week to transport students home that stayed after school for various reasons. Sports buses were provided to bring the students to and from practice fields as well as to all of the games. Late buses were provided on a daily basis to bring sports players home after games or practice. Transportation was also provided for numerous field trips wherever and whenever necessary.

Two buses were converted to 7D 1/2 vehicles to transport students back and forth from construction sites. The Transportation Department Lease-

Purchased a new 71 passenger school bus and a used Plymouth Voyager designated as a type 7D vehicle. This will be used when there are less than eight students to be transported.

## **ADULT EDUCATION**

Adult Evening Education at North Shore is a self-supporting program that offers more than 45 vocational-technical classes that enhance the professional and personal lives of the adult members of our community. The Program serves nearly nine hundred adult students participating in a wide variety of courses. Popular fields of study include computers, health, construction, welding, culinary, automotive and business skills. A number of courses have state approval for professional and trade license preparation.

The Adult Education Programs continue to enjoy a reputation of providing quality vocational-technical education to a demanding client that faces an every changing work place. As part of our on-going effort to provide competitive and progressive programming approximately twenty percent of the current year's course offerings are new.

Adult Education at North Shore provides a much-needed service and is embraced by the community as an outstanding educational opportunity.

## **BUSINESS OFFICE**

The Business Office consists of the Business Manager, Assistant Procurement Officer, and one clerical position. We maintain all accounts payable, payroll, general ledger, and cash functions and/or transactions.

Our Fiscal 1996 audit was completed and the management letter was issued October 23, 1996. There were no material weaknesses and the Administration has responded in writing to all comments made.

The Department of Revenue certified our July 1, 1996 deficit at (\$25,207) which was down by \$304,355 from July 1, 1995. This deficit is predominately the school lunch program that was reduced by approximately \$25,000 during Fiscal Year 1996 and is anticipated to be eliminated come June 30, 1997.

Overall, things are going smoothly at this point in the fiscal year. We continue to produce timely financial data and run the office as efficiently as possible. We are striving to generate a small surplus at the close of Fiscal 1997 for future unforeseen problems that may arise. This may be accomplished by running a tight ship and obtaining quotes on most purchases to get the best price available for the money.

## FUNDING ISSUES

The Fiscal 1998 Budget preparation is currently in process and will be presented to the District's Finance Policy Sub-Committee at their January meeting. Administration anticipates a 5% to 7% increase over the Fiscal 1997 Operating Budget. At this point, we have not received any financial data about Fiscal 1998 from the Department of Education.

## NORTH SHORE REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Beverly	Paul F. McDonald
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Hamilton	Richard J. Ceremsak
Lynnfield	Paul Anderson, Vice Chairman
Manchester-by-the-Sea	Dorothy Anderson
Marblehead	No representative
Middleton	James M. Reynolds
Nahant	Thomas Johnson
Rockport	Loretta F. Evans
Salem	No representative
Swampscott	William R. Hyde, Jr.
Topsfield	Robert C. Nordstrom
Wenham	No representative



## ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

The consequences of not having your pet's rabies shot up-to-date has come to a sad reality to a resident on January 31.

The State Rabies Lab called with very bad news! The raccoon specimen sent on the 29th was "positive". The lab noted that there had been both animal and human exposure.

Well, that's how it started. Now I had to tell the mother and father and two children that their beloved dog had to be put to sleep. His shots had expired six months ago. The mother had to go to the hospital and start a series of shots because she had handled the dog after he had killed the raccoon.

After the tearful news had been hashed over, all parties involved agreed it should be me to take the dog for his last car ride. Needless to say, there wasn't a dry eye in the hospital. One more day to wonder why I do this damn job.

The reason for this detailed sad story is to show you the importance of rabies shots. Please do not put your family or me through this again. If you are not sure of the expiration date on your animals shot, please check with your vet.

As with everything in Middleton, we now have more dogs in Town, but we are pleased to say that we have broken a record for the number of dogs licensed. We are now 92% in compliance. This coming year I would like to be able to spend more time with education on animal welfare and adoption programs.

I will also be talking to some of our Vets. about the great new way to I.D. your pet. This is a microchip that is implanted permanently on your pet for individual pet identification. This chip is very easily inserted under the skin on the neck area. All ACOs and animal hospitals have a hand held scanner that reads the individual

number given to your pet. Hopefully we will have some more information on this at our Rabies Clinic in May 1997.

I am also working on getting some fliers printed up to send to our new residents. These will contain information on our by-laws for dogs and rabies information. Just a short reminder for people not to touch injured or wild animals including feral cats.

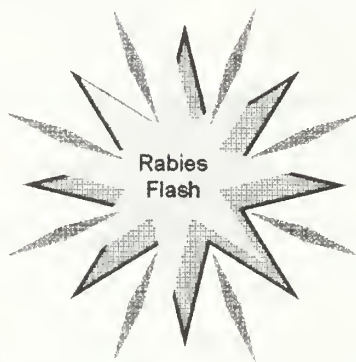
In this past year, I am finding that there is more time needed in mediating neighborhood disputes. This problem takes more time than the usual emergencies ACOs are accustomed to.

The question of the year is, are there really coyotes in Middleton. The answer is "yes". They have been seen and heard in pairs and packs all over Town. There is no need to panic - just use more common sense. Do not feed your pets outside, keeps cats inside, do not let puppies and small dogs outside unattended. Some coyotes will be mistaken for large foxes or small German Shepherds. They can be from 30-45 lbs and range from blond to dark gray in color. Because of the thickness of their fur, weights can be overestimated. This species is controlled by Fisheries and Wildlife, not Animal Control Officers. As always, I am available for any help you might need regarding coyotes or any other animal.

I hope this has been of some help to you. I would also like to thank the Police and Fire Departments for their professional cooperation they always extend to me. I would also like to give a special thanks to our Town Clerks, Sally George and Kate Brochu for putting up with me and always having a smile.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Heckman, ACO  
Animal Inspector





## HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Plaques from the US Dept. of Interior have been placed on four houses in Town:

Joseph Fuller House - home of Henry and Mary Tragert, Essex Street.

Estey Tavern, Middleton Square

Edward Putnam House - home of Sally McDonald, Gregory Street.

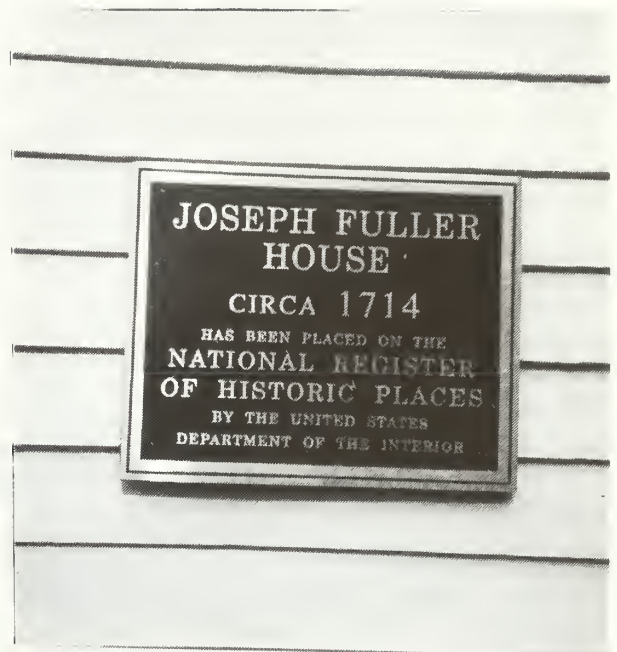
Lt. Thomas Fuller - home of Bill and Sarah George, Old So. Main Street.

Middleton is now in the National Registry of Historic Places.

Another project of the Historical Commission is to mark sites in Town which bear witness to our Colonial Heritage. This plaque identifying our Minuteman and their assembly place will be dedicated on the anniversary date 19 April 1997.

Respectfully submitted,

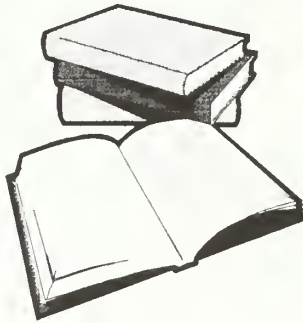
Richard Ajootian  
Lorne Davis  
Sarah George  
John Goodwin  
Mary Tragert  
Robert Fox, Chairman



## FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY

A lot has been accomplished over the last 22 years with a lot of help from a lot of people.

The exterior and interior of the Flint is in the best shape its ever been in. The Flint will be 105 years old on November 11, 1997. It serves as the centerpiece and the crowning jewel in Middleton Square. The exterior of the building has been diligently attended to - minor repairs are made periodically to prevent any need for major repairs. Some of the exterior renovations have been new stairs and front entryway; stained glass windows restored and preserved; new storm windows and doors throughout the building. The grounds of the Flint were always quite sparse. Through the generous efforts of many Middleton citizens over the years a long range plan of the beautification of the Flint's grounds is being realized. The goal to set all patron parking off Route 114 has been accomplished with adequate and safe parking behind the library. My special thanks go to the Middleton Garden Club and the American Legion Post for their generous work on behalf of our grounds beautification and equal thanks to all those who assisted in creating our parking facility.



These improvements have enhanced the ambiance of the 1891 library building.

In 1980, the old dirt cellar with its huge furnace, asbestos covered pipes and wasted space was converted to a community room. The community room originally housed not only the children's room, but was the first senior citizen center. Now in use exclusively as the children's room, this is very well lighted and heated and is totally handicapped accessible from a handicapped parking area. There are also two public rest rooms on this floor. The large circulation desk, storage cabinets and shelving set the tone of a modern, forward looking children's room.

The library hours have expanded to 50 hours a week. However, when the library closes at night, it continues to function as a meeting place for many educational, recreational and informational gatherings and programs. The Flint Public Library has exceeded all expectations with over 39,000 attending this year with a circulation in excess of 52,000. The townspeople are supporting the Flint financially and are receiving very real value for their money.

We are in desperate need for more space for patrons and programs, both upstairs and down. This is a "wonderful" problem to have - showing true success for the Flint and its implications for the townspeople of Middleton. However, it must be seriously addressed soon

The collection development at the Flint is excellent! It is a constant challenge to all the staff not only to add to this excellent collection, but to "weed". Unfortunately, all too often some very good books must be taken off the shelves to make room for new ones. This is known as a "closed collection", i.e., to put a new book on the shelf, an old one must come off. There is only one solution for this problem - additional space!

The interior of the Flint has had many major and minor remodeling and restoration projects over the last several years. The following is a list of building improvements:

- ❖ totally insulated;
- ❖ new, zoned gas heating installed
- ❖ new wiring throughout, to update and to accommodate new technology
- ❖ new plumbing
- ❖ all new ceilings
- ❖ walls repaired and painted
- ❖ commercial carpeting installed
- ❖ new wooden circulation desk
- ❖ magazine, encyclopedia and book shelving

Over the years access to library materials has extended beyond the holdings within the walls of the Flint. We have aggressively pursued inter-library loans and now with automation, we have access to literally millions of library materials for our patrons. As wonderful as this may be, it is preferable to provide a larger amount of materials readily available within our own walls, without having to face access/delivery problems.

The Flint Public Library became automated on December 19, 1996. Patrons received new library cards, which are also accepted by all 37 libraries within our library consortium. Automation did not happen overnight. A lot of planning, coordination, adaptation, and implementation took place for this to become a reality. We are now on the information superhighway and we love it!

The most beautiful building, the most extensive collection of library materials, and the newest technology on the information superhighway does not make a great library - people do. The Flint has been blessed with a very dedicated staff, Board of Trustees, volunteers, and Friends of the Flint. The Flint would not be so successful without the moral and financial support of you - the townspeople of Middleton!

### STATISTICS

Population of Middleton .....	6,020
Registrations at the Flint .....	2,240
Attendance at the Flint .....	38,827
Circulation at the Flint .....	51,618
Circulation per Capita .....	8.57
Staff members (all part time)	
6 adults, 3 students and 1 custodian	
Number of Volunteers .....	28
Number of Volumes .....	25,290
Number of Periodicals .....	136
Number of Videos Owned .....	706
Annual Operating Budget FY96 ..	\$173,042
Percent of Town's	
Operating Budget .....	2.19%
Book Budget FY95 .....	\$34,900
Book Budget Per Capita .....	\$5.79
Operating Budget Per Capita .....	\$28.74
Flint square footage .....	5,000

### *Flint Hours of Operation:*

WINTER Mon. - Fri. 10 am to 8 PM  
SUMMER Tues. - Thurs. 10 am to 8 PM

### The following people keep the Flint, "The Friendliest Place in Town".

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## VOLUNTEERS PARTY



## TODDLER'S PROGRAM



## FINGERPAINTING DAY



## SANTA'S VISIT TO STORYHOUR

I was appointed Town Librarian on October 1, 1974. Many goals and objectives have been achieved over these many years - of course I have never stopped dreaming and striving for ways to make the Flint even better. For example, I remain eternally optimistic for a much needed addition to the Flint. However, I am also a realist. I feel I have accomplished most of my goals. My parents, Lyle and Blanche Paul, taught me a valuable lesson - you can accomplish a lot if you don't care who gets the credit.

I would like to thank everyone for giving me the opportunity to serve for the past 22 years the library and the Town of Middleton which I love so much.

I will retire as Town Librarian of the Flint Public Library as of November 11, 1996.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley M. Raynard  
Town Librarian



**TEDDY BEAR PICNIC**

**FIRE SAFETY PROGRAM- STORY HOUR  
with Fire Fighter Frank**



# MIDDLETON ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

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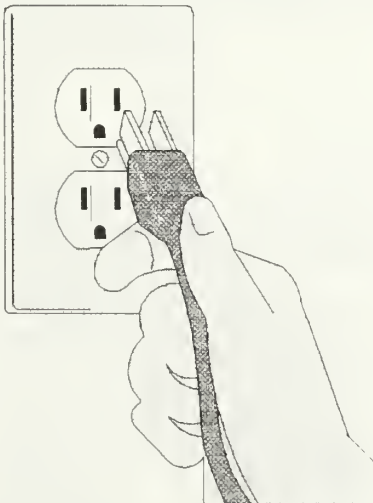
Municipal Electric Association of Massachusetts

The Board of Electric Commissioners respectfully submit their year end report containing financial statements and a brief overview of transpiring events during calendar year 1996.

Table 1 illustrates comparative revenues from 1990 through 1996, by customer class. The town consumed 963,000 more kilowatt hours of power than 1995 (See table 2), A combination of short and long term contracts have satisfied increased power needs. Table 3 exhibits expense distribution by comparison.

Complete reconstruction of Peabody Street's power line was top priority in 1996. Existing wire, poles, etc. were insufficient for increasing customer demands. These lines, as well as proposed new lines, will be constructed with 23 kv capabilities for future higher voltage needs.

At a cost of approximately \$30,000, line crews worked many hours this past year installing three phase service to the new transfer station.



Street Light Conversion Program was completed in 1996. High pressure sodium lighting will reflect savings, in costs of street lighting, to the Town.

The Meter Department is continuing to install new electronic meters in all commercial and industrial accounts throughout the system and upgrading residential meters to insure accurate usage.

Continued maintenance of existing power system, such as substation maintenance, infrared scanning power lines for potential hot spots, line patrols for visual problems, power line and rights of way tree and brush clearing, modern construction updates are carried on daily. Our major goal is to minimize customer outages.

MELD is gearing up for Maple Street reconstruction project consisting of complete reconstruction of roadway from Ipswich River bridge to the Danvers town line. Overhead power lines located at the intersection of East and Maple Streets will be installed underground for safety purposes, at a cost of \$50,000. This project will require installation of new poles and relocating major feeder circuits along roadways.

The agenda for 1997 includes plans to upgrade old existing power lines at the following locations: East Street, Boston Street and North Main Street (due to proposed new theme park).

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred Jones, Chairman  
Richard Kassiotis  
Charles Clinch III  
A. David Lenzie  
Stuart Lord

**MIDDLETON ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT  
COMPARATIVE TABLES**

**TABLE 1 REVENUES**

YEAR	RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL	INDUSTRIAL	MUNICIPAL	OTHER
1990	2,317,335.98	1,158,610.71	4,756,480.97	106,272.71	64,254.50
1991	1,972,543.48	1,072,442.49	4,974,303.14	91,333.67	56,992.76
1992	2,180,461.10	1,124,473.86	4,265,945.04	91,587.86	64,969.87
1993	2,033,333.48	1,139,438.34	5,215,906.44	98,746.79	78,220.28
1994	1,896,051.04	1,142,793.34	5,062,999.83	89,569.70	102,572.74
1995	1,859,773.59	1,155,507.08	5,019,718.03	86,730.63	276,824.59
1996	1,879,980.75	1,120,541.62	4,563,312.98	90,629.14	226,622.20

**TABLE 2 USAGE**

YEAR	KILOWATT HOURS	DEMAND	METERS	COST PER KWH	POWER COST
1990	73,413,045	14,000	2,084	0.092	6,744,868.25
1991	77,198,729	15,320	2,117	0.092	7,102,341.05
1992	69,779,943	12,456	2,150	0.094	6,571,224.85
1993	81,824,256	13,800	2,220	0.074	6,054,058.94
1994	88,908,641	15,920	2,308	0.068	6,039,333.04
1995	91,896,616	16,610	2,388	0.067	6,195,047.02
1996	92,859,685	17,870	2,466	0.069	6,417,429.20

**TABLE 3 EXPENSES**

YEAR	OPERATION	MAINTENANCE	DEPRECIATION	BOND INTEREST	LIEU OF TAX
1990	7,413,846.87	124,953.67	233,319.65	140,104.61	65,826.00
1991	8,137,879.15	118,520.03	254,074.88	151,930.00	99,452.00 **
1992	6,986,478.44	152,114.25	260,870.54	132,210.00	300,000.00 *
1993	6,653,616.12	254,420.32	392,079.52	122,690.00	66,000.00
1994	6,650,204.89	244,461.50	458,939.24	104,950.00	76,600.00
1995	6,805,938.39	311,566.31	489,386.23	92,450.00	82,000.00
1996	7,106,358.98	296,362.77	304,330.50	84,200.00	88,000.00

\* \$225,000 in Square Project

\*\* \$ 32,452 street light bill unpaid and Bond interest credited to Town



# MIDDLETON ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

## STATEMENT OF INCOME FOR THE YEAR 1996

Current Year	Increase or (Decrease) from Preceding Year
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### OPERATING INCOME

400 Operating Revenue .....	7,706,150	(499,766)
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### OPERATING EXPENSES

401 Operation Expense .....	7,134,758	328,819
402 Maintenance Expense .....	278,158	(33,408)
403 Depreciation Expense.....	304,331	(185,056)

Total Operating Expenses.....	7,717,246	110,355
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Operating Income.....	(11,096)	(610,121)
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### OTHER INCOME

415 Income from Merchandising, Jobbing and Contract Work.....		(58,879)
419 Interest Income.....	174,936	41,155
421 Miscellaneous Nonoperating Income.....		

Total Income.....	163,840	(627,845)
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### INTEREST CHARGES

427 Interest on Bonds and Notes.....	84,200	(8,250)
431 Other Interest Expense.....		

Total Interest Charges.....	84,200	(8,250)
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NET INCOME.....	<u>\$79,640</u>	<u>(\$619,595)</u>
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	<u>Debits</u>	<u>Credits</u>
208 Unappropriated Earned Surplus (at beginning of period).....		7,075,150
433 Balance Transferred from Income.....		79,640
434 Miscellaneous Credits to Surplus.....		455,412
435 Miscellaneous Debits to Surplus.....	100,000	
436 Appropriations of Surplus.....	88,000	
437 Surplus Applied to Depreciation.....		
208 Unappropriated Earned Surplus (at end of period).....	<u>7,422,203</u>	
	<u>7,610,203</u>	<u>7,610,203</u>

**MIDDLETON ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT**  
**COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET 1996**

Balance Beginning of Year	Balance End of Year	Increase or (Decrease)
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**ASSETS**

**UTILITY PLANT**

101 Utility Plant - Electric .....	6,525,712	6,487,501	(38,211)
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**FUND ACCOUNTS**

126 Depreciation Fund .....	1,314,235	1,676,978	362,743
127 Rate Stabilization Fund.....	1,561,776	2,130,112	568,336

**CURRENT AND ACCRUED ASSETS**

131 Cash.....	900,210	353,697	(546,513)
132 Special Deposits.....	91,403	68,958	(22,445)
132 Working Funds.....	700	700	0
142 Customer Accounts Receivable.....	937,352	1,146,355	209,003
143 Other Accounts Receivable.....	97,511	35,858	(61,653)
146 Receivables from Municipality.....	59,438	46,701	(12,737)
151 Materials and Supplies.....	225,162	250,776	25,614
165 Prepayments.....	705,271	631,791	(73,480)

**DEFERRED DEBITS**

183 Other Deferred Debits.....	30,833	29,392	(1,441)
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<b>Total Assets and Other Debits</b>	<b>\$12,449,603</b>	<b>\$12,858,819</b>	<b>\$409,216</b>
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**LIABILITIES**

**SURPLUS**

206 Loans Repayments.....	1,094,500	1,194,500	100,000
207 Appropriations for Construction Repayments.....	10,041	10,041	0
208 Unappropriated Earned Surplus.....	7,075,150	7,422,203	347,053

**LONG TERM DEBT**

221 Bonds.....	1,400,000	1,300,000	(100,000)
231 Notes Payable.....	0	0	0

**CURRENT AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES**

232 Accounts Payable.....	751,069	725,159	(25,909)
235 Customer Deposits.....	73,094	58,144	(14,950)
242 Miscellaneous Current and Accrued Liabilities.....	18,309	10,814	(7,495)

**DEFERRED CREDITS**

252 Customer Advances for Construction.....	2,754	2,754	0
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**RESERVES**

260 Reserves for Uncollectable Accounts.....	100,661	99,726	(936)
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**CONTRIBUTIONS IN AID OF CONSTRUCTION**

271 Contributions in Aid of Construction.....	1,924,025	2,035,478	111,453
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<b>Total Liabilities and Other Credits</b>	<b>12,449,603</b>	<b>12,858,819</b>	<b>409,216</b>
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# HOUSING AUTHORITY

## Consolidated Operating Statement

Program Number 1840240001

July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1996

<b>OPERATING RECEIPTS</b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Actual</u></b>
Shelter Rent - Tenant	171,000.00	175,652.00
Interest on Investments	2,100.00	2,553.77
Other Operating Receipts	1,900.00	2,387.30
<b>TOTAL OPERATING RECEIPTS</b>	<b>175,000.00</b>	<b>180,593.07</b>
<b>NON-UTILITY EXPENDITURES</b>		
Administrative Salaries	22,899.76	22,898.76
Legal	150.00	150.00
Travel	500.00	24.09
Administrative Other	2,718.00	2,063.67
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	<b>26,267.76</b>	<b>25,136.52</b>
Tenant Organization	125.00	0.00
Maintenance Labor	34,022.00	31,914.64
Material & Supplies	5,800.00	5,228.39
Contract Costs	2,615.00	1,373.90
<b>TOTAL MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>42,437.00</b>	<b>38,516.93</b>
Insurance	5,500.00	5,038.08
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	3,500.00	3,406.40
Employee Benefits	16,700.00	14,755.07
<b>TOTAL GENERAL</b>	<b>25,700.00</b>	<b>23,199.55</b>
Provision for Operating Reserve	7,566.24	7,566.24
<b>TOTAL RESERVES</b>	<b>7,566.24</b>	<b>7,566.24</b>
<b>TOTAL NON-UTILITY COSTS</b>	<b>102,096.00</b>	<b>94,419.24</b>
Water & Sewer	11,800.00	11,652.19
Electricity	55,000.00	49,632.41
Gas	100.00	64.22
Other - Septic/Sewerage	5,000.00	4,863.40
<b>TOTAL UTILITIES</b>	<b>71,900.00</b>	<b>66,212.22</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>173,996.00</b>	<b>160,631.46</b>
Net Income (Deficit) Before Subsidy	1,004.00	19,961.61
<b>NET INCOME BEFORE NON-ROUTINE EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,004.00</b>	<b>19,961.61</b>
Prior year & Other Adj. Debit (Credit)	300.00	0.00
Extraordinary Maintenance	1,000.00	
Replacement of Equipment	10,100.00	4,448.62
Betterments & Additions	2,700.00	976.69
<b>TOTAL NON-ROUTINE EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>14,100.00</b>	<b>5,425.31</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>-13,096.00</b>	<b>14,536.30</b>

# HOUSING AUTHORITY CONTINUED

Administration Balance Sheet  
Program Number 1840240001  
JUNE 30, 1996

ASSETS		LIABILITIES/SURPLUS	
<b>CASH</b>		<b>ACCOUNTS PAYABLE</b>	
Administration Fund	64,456.04	Accounts Payable-Other (Schedule IV)	
Security Deposit Fund	-160.00	Contract Retentions	
Petty Cash	75.00	Tenants Security Deposits	
<b>TOTAL CASH</b>	<b>64,371.04</b>	Employee's Payroll Deductions	687.65
<b>ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE</b>		A/P Payable-EOCD Subsidy Overpayment	9,004.95
Fed. and EOCD-Sec. 8 Subsidy-Shelter Rent		Accounts Payable-Revolving Fund	
Tenant Accounts Receivable		<b>TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE</b>	<b>9,692.60</b>
EOCD Subsidy		<b>ACCRUED LIABILITIES</b>	
Other	341.64	Payment in lieu of Taxes	0
<b>TOTAL RECEIVABLES</b>	<b>341.64</b>	Accrued Liabilities-Other	1,508.64
<b>ADVANCES</b>		<b>TOTAL Mat. Int. &amp; Princ. (Schedule VI)</b>	<b>1,508.64</b>
Revolving Fund Advances		<b>DEFERRED CREDITS</b>	
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>		Prepaid Partial Payments	
Investments (Schedule II)	53,989.36	Tenants Prepaid Rents	1278.04
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>53,989.36</b>	Undistributed Credits	
<b>FISCAL AGENT FUNDS</b>		Deferred Subsidy	
Debt Service Fund (Schedule I)		Deferred Credits-Other	
Debt Service Trust Fund-Cash (Schedule I)		<b>TOTAL DEFERRED CREDITS</b>	<b>1278.04</b>
Debt Service Trust Fund-Investments (Schedule I)		<b>FIXED LIABILITIES</b>	
Debt Service Subsidy (Schedule VI)		Grants Issued	1,936,512.35
<b>DEFERRED CHARGES</b>		Bonds Issued	101,000.00
Prepaid Insurance	1,398.00	Less: Bonds Retired	-101,000.00
Inventory-Materials/Fuel		Cumulative EOCD Modernization Contrib.	363,436.88
Other (Schedule III)		Notes Issued	
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED CHARGES</b>	<b>1,398.00</b>	Less: Notes Retired	
<b>DEVELOPMENT COSTS</b>		<b>TOTAL FIXED LIABILITIES</b>	<b>2,299,949.23</b>
Development Cost	2,150,512.35	<b>SURPLUS</b>	
Less Dev. Cost Liquidation	-101,000.00	Valuation of Fixed Assets	62,009.37
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,049,512.35</b>	Gifts and Donations	113,000.00
Inventory of Furniture & Equipment	84,839.32	Debt Service Reserve	
Dev. Cost Inv. of Furniture & Equip-Contra	-22,829.95	Unamortized Bond Premium	
Date of last physical Inventory 06/30/96		Debt Service Requirement	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>62,009.37</b>	Debt Service Contribution	
Completed Modernization Cost	363,436.88	Capital Reserve	5,679.37
<b>TOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED DEBITS</b>	<b>363,436.88</b>	Operating Reserve	92,121.09
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		Net Income (Deficit)	14,536.30
	<b>2,595,058.64</b>	<b>TOTAL SURPLUS</b>	<b>287,346.13</b>
		<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS</b>	<b>2,577,376.49</b>



## HOUSING AUTHORITY CONTINUED

### REPORT OF TENANTS ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 1996

Program/Development Number	<u>1840240001</u>	No. of Dwelling Units	66
A. No. of Tenants in Possession (Last Day of Current Quarter)			64
B. Total Charges to Tenants (Last Month of Current Quarter)			13,965.00
MODERNIZATION:			
TOTAL GRANTS IN PROGRESS DURING 1996 WERE:			345,349.40

These grants are for sidewalk improvements, re-roofing, and septic system repairs at Orchard Circle and barrier-free accessibility at the Community Hall.

In conclusion, the Middleton Housing Authority would like to acknowledge the Fire Department, the Police Department, and the Public Works Department for their help and cooperation throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Thurston, P.H.M., Executive Director  
Caroline Tricca, Chairperson  
Faith Anderson-Stone, Vice-Chairperson  
Daniel R. Lennox, Treasurer  
Charles M. Collier, Assistant Treasurer  
A. Stephen Inglis, State-Appointee  
Paul A. Pellicelli, Maintenance Mechanic

## COUNCIL ON AGING

The Middleton Council on Aging and Senior Center has had a busy and successful year serving the elders of the community. Direct services are available to all residents 60 years of age and older. In addition information is available to all residents and interested family members. Please phone or stop by the center. The following report offers a brief overview of some of the activities and services which have taken place between July 1, 1995 and June 30, 1996:

The Senior Center which is located in the Old Town Hall at 38 Maple Street is open three (3) days a week with a variety of ongoing activities taking place on those days as well as lunch being served. Home delivered meals are available for those seniors who are unable to get out or prepare food independently. The meal program is funded in part by federal grants, participant donation and municipal dollars.



During the past year:

- 2,458 congregate meals were served
- 100 residents participated
- 3,929 meals were delivered to over 30 residents in need of nutritional assistance at home

A number of volunteers organized a group to meet and play cards on Friday afternoons. They have been playing bridge and welcome both experienced and beginning players.

Weekly yoga classes are held on Monday mornings and continue to be well attended. Classes are provided by a certified instructor at a cost of \$2 per lesson. Newcomers are always welcome.

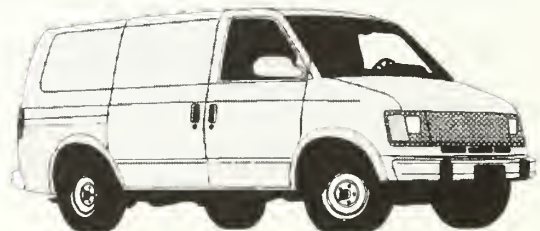
Beano remains every popular and takes place on Mondays following lunch. Olga Martinuk is the caller and organizer through the fall, winter and spring months. She takes the summer off and participants get to try their hand at calling as people take weekly turns to fill the vacancy.



Full length movies are shown on Wednesday afternoons. This is a great opportunity to enjoy the latest movie hits as well as old favorites. Films are shown on a large screen TV which allows for increased visibility and closed caption. This is a nice option for those who may be visually or hearing impaired. Refreshments are served during feature presentations!

Informational/educational programs are offered throughout the year covering various topics of interest including health, financial and legal issues. Some of our creative board members have enhanced this component of service by offering coffee and refreshments to provide a social as well as informational program.

Transportation continues to be a key element in serving the needs of Middleton seniors and we have a van available for all center activities. The van also transports people shopping locally for groceries, banking and Post Office needs. Monthly shopping at area malls is also available. In addition to these transportation services, the van is used for the home delivered meal program. This provides clients not only with food, but a personal contact with the van driver. This regular contact is most



important to those who are homebound and something which is eagerly anticipated.

The transportation program provided for area medical appointments is a very busy and worthwhile program. Monthly trips average about 35 with Hazel Proctor dedicating many hours to coordinating and overseeing the scheduling of this service which is provided by local residents.

We were sorry to lose the government surplus food program which provided seniors and other eligible residents with the opportunity to receive free food periodically. The program was cut from the US Government budget and no longer exists. Approximately 170 residents took advantage of this opportunity on each occasion.

Last year proved to be successful as always when it came to special events and holidays. The annual Thanksgiving dinner was well attended and the meal was served by the staff here at the center in order to give volunteers the "day off " to enjoy the occasion. The Christmas lunch and celebration was highlighted by a production of the Howe-Manning 5th grade holiday program which added a lot of cheer to the event. The January Thaw was held at Angelica's with many in attendance enjoying a festive afternoon. Once again the Middleton Board of Trade supported this event with many wonderful donations from local businesses. These gifts were presented to winners of a drawing held during the party. Many thanks to the Board of Trade for their generosity. The annual St. Patrick's Day party hosted by Masconomet students was also enjoyed by many Middleton seniors.

In addition to the holiday musical the seniors enjoyed numerous opportunities to share time with young people. Throughout the year several elementary school classes visited the center to work on a special craft project together with seniors or to provide entertainment. We also had presentations by local Brownie and Girl Scout troops. These are fun and meaningful experiences which are greatly appreciated by each person involved - we look forward to more visits!

The COA instituted a new event this past summer. We organized a senior cookout at the Howe-Manning recreation park and it was well received. Everyone came out on an extremely hot day, but due to the shady location of the picnic tables people remained comfortable. The cookout was held in conjunction with the recreation program and plenty of assistance was offered by the children attending the summer park program. Hot-dogs and hamburgers were grilled to perfection by the Town Administrator and other "official" cooks. Many other goodies were provided by volunteers and board members, with ice cream donated by Richardson's Dairy. Board members as well as dedicated volunteers helped to set up, serve and clean up. The day was great fun and hopefully this will be an annual event.

In addition to these big events, Patti Flynn who oversees the mealsite, worked hard to make all the holiday meals special by adding festive decorations and goodies to the lunch program. She also celebrates birthdays monthly with balloons and a special dessert.



It is important to note the dedication and hard work of the volunteers who spent over 4,500 hours in service helping with meals, maintenance, instruction, transportation, activities and more. The dollar value of these services amounted to approximately \$35,000! What a savings to the Town. These hours of service are greatly appreciated. THANK YOU!

Many thanks go to the Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen, and all the town departments as well as the members of the Council on Aging Board for helping to make this another successful year in serving Middleton seniors.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine D. LeClerc  
Director of Senior Services

## VETERAN'S SERVICES

My report this year once again focuses on the importance of safeguarding the necessary documents relating to military service, marriage, life insurance and V.A. correspondence.

Discharge papers, marriage certificates or child custody evidence should be secured from fire, theft or loss. This could be one of the most important legacies a veteran will ever leave his family. Other documents that should be protected and filed with other family papers are government and commercial life insurance policies, any VA correspondence with identifying claim numbers, social security numbers, wills, and where applicable, naturalization papers.

Please remind your families of survivor's benefits as well. These include VA pensions, dependency and indemnity compensation for service-connected death,

burial benefits and interment in a national cemetery.

The few hours spent by the veteran organizing and protecting his documents and informing his family can do much to avoid anguish during times of emotional stress.

Due to the part-time nature of my position as Director-Agent, please feel free to call on me in the event of an emergency at any time. For routine situations, please call during the day. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

George M. Farley





## RECREATION COMMISSION

Under the leadership of David Thibault, the Recreation Commission had an active and rewarding year.

The ever popular summer program was very well attended with children kept busy with crafts, games and sports. Participation in the swim programs at the Y.M.C.A. keeps increasing.

The weather man did not cooperate for the trip to Water Country but rain checks were offered. Better weather came for the annual town picnic at Canobie Lake Park in August.

The commission provided special knives for the children to use in carving their pumpkins for the annual jack-o-lantern walk during the Pumpkin Festival. The children were rewarded for their works of art with bags of Halloween candy.

Over 200 children crowded the cafeteria and the gymnasium at the Howe-Manning school for the annual Christmas party where they enjoyed pizza and ice cream for lunch and enjoyed the amazing feats of a magician and a trip to see Santa who gave each child a gift.

Over 100 school children spent an evening during the February vacation at a roller skating party.

A recreational field study committee has been set up to find areas for more playing fields and the Recreation Commission is actively involved.

A sad farewell was given to Lou Flynn and to Patti Flynn who both retired from the commission. Michelle Nowak was sworn in as a regular member and has added new ideas and willing hands to its programs.

The Commission would welcome any suggestions from Middleton residents and is looking for people who would like to become members.



## TRI-TOWN COUNCIL ON YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES, INC.

The Tri-Town Council on Youth and Family Services is Middleton's local non-profit human services agency. This grassroots organization was founded by Tri-town residents in 1972 to address concerns about drug and alcohol abuse by area youth. Middleton, Boxford and Topsfield residents have generously supported the Tri-Town Council since its inception 25 years ago.

Today, our mission remains closely tied to youth and families. Our services, which are broadly categorized as **PREVENTION**, **INTERVENTION** and **COMMUNITY BUILDING**, have expanded from substance abuse to other social concerns such as domestic violence, teen dating violence, prejudice, health and wellness, parenting, employee assistance programs and health-related technology. We are also a central clearinghouse for resource information and referrals.

Our goal is to be responsive to community needs. Agency by-laws ensure close representation of the tri-town communities' interests by mandating that our Board of Directors be comprised of at least four volunteer representatives from each of the three towns. Middleton currently has five representatives on the Board: John Sieczkowski, Vera Skinner, Alice Tierney, Chris Wojciechowski, and our student representative from the junior class at Masconomet, Meghan Cotter.

The Council's major **PREVENTION** activities over the past year included:

- The substance-free **Post-Prom party** (90+ students attended!)
- The **All Night Graduation Party** (85% senior class attendance!);
- A **Peer Education** program for Masconomet Regional High School (40 student participants, junior and senior high);
- Sponsoring the **HORIZONS** program, a very popular after-school enrichment program for elementary school children (over 200 Middleton student participants);
- Sponsoring the **CARE** committee, a Boxford based group which raises money for Sponsor-a-Family program and Santa's Helper program;
- **Presentations** to all Masconomet students, in conjunction with the Health curriculum, on topics including dating violence, anger management, substance abuse/drinking and driving, HIV/AIDS and others STDs, healthy relationships, etc.
- **S.T.E.P.** (Systematic Training for Effective parenting), an eight week course on parenting offered by Joan Wing, LICSW in Boxford..
- **Fathers Against Violence**, a local chapter was started two years ago designed to address issues such as over-competitiveness and violence in sports.
- **Community Forums and Presentations** on topics of interest such as anxiety, anger management and healthy lifestyles;
- Fall All Sports Day, **PASTA PARTY** at Masconomet Regional High School.

Our **INTERVENTION** activities included:

- ▼ **Direct Counseling and Crisis Intervention** services provided by two full-time counselors at Masconomet Regional High School (over 250 different students were directly served; over 1,000 students were indirectly served);
- ▼ **Employee Assistance Program**, currently provided through a contract to the Town of Middleton for Town Employees (6 employees served individually; departments benefited with presentations);
- ▼ **Information, Consultation and Referral** services through our office in Middleton (200+ calls);
- ▼ Meeting with groups of students and individuals to discuss **Hate Crimes, Prejudice and Intolerance**.

Our **COMMUNITY BUILDING** activities included:

- ❖ Participation in the **Strawberry, Apple and Pumpkin Festivals**;
- ❖ Sponsoring the **WORLD AIDS DAY** candlelight vigil;
- ❖ Participation in school and community educational programs including a tour of the Middleton Jail and a riveting presentation by inmates on the connection between HIV/AIDS and substance abuse;
- ❖ Co-sponsoring the **PRIDE STRIDE**, a spring-time walk to promote community pride;
- ❖ Organizing **Community Forums and Coalitions** to address issues of concern;
- ❖ Sponsoring the **Fall Foliage Classic Road Race** in conjunction with the Topsfield Rotary Club;
- ❖ Participation on various **Committees and Boards of Directors** listed below;

In FY97, we were active members of the Health Advisory Council, the Massachusetts Council of Human Services Providers, the Substance Abuse and Violence Prevention Council, the Western Essex Partnership (a school-to-work initiative to help prepare students for employment), Community Plans (a substance abuse prevention coalition for North Shore communities), the Topsfield Community Group (an off-shoot of Community Plans that is working on plans for a community center), the Topsfield Rotary Club, the Middleton Board of Trade, the Community Collaborative Initiative (a troubleshooting committee organized by District Attorney Kevin M. Burke's office designed to create and strengthen area resource networks), the Community Network Group (a coalition of local citizens, businesses and school personnel concerned with school to work issues, student curriculums, etc.. in relation to keeping current with technology, e.g. Internet connectivity), and the Massachusetts Bay United Way. We were also members of the Masconomet Assemblies Committee, helping with presentations of programs such as the Yellow Dress, a play addressing dating violence.



The Town of Middleton paid \$11,141 or **less than \$2 per person** to the Tri-Town Council in FY97. Altogether, the three towns accounted for 25% of our budget, with Middleton contributing 7%. Each Town's share was based on a percentage increase from the prior year (For FY98, a new funding formula will be utilized, based on the relative population figures of each Town). In FY97, the Masconomet School District provided 37% of our funding. Of the remaining 38% of our budget, a full 21% or almost \$33,000 was raised independent of the Towns and School Department through Board sponsored fund-raisers, donations and membership fees.

In January 1997, the Council provided Middleton Selectmen and Finance Committee members with a report of the **Community Panel**, a select group of representatives from each town's government, interested community members, Tri-Town Council Board members and our former Executive Director. This blue-ribbon panel met several times over the past year to review aspects of the social services needs of the Tri-Town area and to make recommendations on the Tri-Town Council's request for increased town support. The report concluded in *strong support of the Council* and recognition that the Council's service provision model was of high quality and at

the lowest possible cost to the Town. In addition, panel members urged that Middleton, Boxford and Topsfield *continue their financial support of the Tri-Town Council* and *fund a one-time larger percentage increase* to bring Council staff salaries closer to parity with their peers and to offset the shared decline in Federal and State funding.

Anyone interest in reading the Community Panel Report in full may pick up a copy from the Middleton Town Hall, Selectmen or Town Administrator's office or from the Tri-Town Council office at the Old Town Hall on Maple Street (Route 62).

Your support is very much appreciated. We are working hard to be responsive to your needs, to improve the quality of lives of families in the Tri-Towns, and especially to ***keep our children alive!***

Sincerely yours,

Gary S. Sinclair, LCSW, CADAD  
Executive Directory





## H.A.W.C. HELP FOR ABUSED WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN

Since 1979, HAWC has served as a help and a haven for battered women in 23 North Shore communities. Our services include a 24 hour hotline, emergency shelter, counseling, support groups and legal advocacy in five district courts, including Ipswich District Court. In fiscal year 1996, HAWC provided free help to more than 9,000 abused women and children on the North Shore. This was quadruple the number of women we served at the beginning of the decade. In addition, HAWC's Teen REACH program presented education about teen dating violence to more than 8,000 middle and high school students, parents, educators and youth workers.

Out of the 9,000 women HAWC served, 27 were from Middleton. This is almost four times the number of Middleton women who used our services in 1994 when 7 women turned to HAWC for help.



In addition, the Teen REACH program presented a curriculum over two days at the North Shore Technical High School, for 60 students in the 9th grade health classes. Six teachers received training about teen dating violence and "The Yellow Dress." 350 students attended the performance and participated in the workshop which follows. The play

dramatically demonstrates the dangerous patterns of teen dating violence and the workshop afterward addresses the issues and questions raised. Professional counselors provide factual answers and guide the discussion, as well as provide a hotline number for anyone needing further help.

Thank you for your past support. We hope you will be able to assist us again in the next fiscal year.

Sincerely,

Deborah Gardner Walker  
Development Coordinator

**1997**  
**MIDDLETON MEETING SCHEDULE,**  
**OFFICE HOURS AND TELEPHONE LISTING**

<b>OFFICE</b>	<b>DATE &amp; TIME</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>TELEPHONE</b>
Accountant	Mon-Fri 8:00-5:00	Memorial Hall	508-777-4966
Town Administrator	Mon-Fri 8:30-4:30	Memorial Hall	508-777-3617
Animal Control Officer	varies	26 Locust Street	508-777-0825
Annual Town Meeting	Second Tuesday in May	North Shore Tech. H.S.	508-762-0001
Annual Town Election	Monday after Town Meeting	Fuller Meadow School	
Board of Appeals	Fourth Thursday 7:30pm	195 North Main Street	508-777-8917
Board of Appeals Ofc	Mon-Fri 8:00-4:00	195 North Main Street	508-777-8917
Board of Assessors	2nd & 4th Tues. 6:00-7:30pm	Memorial Hall	508-774-2099
Assessors Office	Mon & Wed-Fri 8:30-4:30 Tues. 8:30 - 8:00	Memorial Hall	508-774-2099
Building Inspector	Every Thurs 4:00-7:00pm	195 North Main Street	508-777-2850
Inspections Office	Mon-Fri 8:00-4:00	195 North Main Street	508-777-2850
Conservation Comm.	First Tuesday 7:30pm	195 North Main Street	508-777-1869
Con. Comm. Office	Mon-Fri 8:00-4:00	195 North Main Street	508-777-1869
Council on Aging	First Wednesday 9:30am	Old Town Hall/Senior Ctr.	508-777-4067
COA Senior Center	Mon, Wed, Fri 9:00-1:00	Old Town Hall	508-777-4067
DPW	Mon-Fri 8:00-4:00	195 North Main Street	508-777-0407
Electric Light Dept.	Second Thurs. - Board Mtg 8:00 to 4:00 Mon-Fri.	197 North Main Street	508-774-4313
Finance Committee	Variable	Fuller Meadow School	
<b>FIRE Department</b>	24 hours	non-emergency <b>EMERGENCY</b>	508-774-2466 508-774-2211
Fuller Meadow School	Mon-Fri 8:00-3:00	143 So. Main Street	508-750-4756
Board of Health	First Wednesday 8:00pm	195 North Main Street	508-777-1869
Health Office	Mon-Fri 8:00-4:00	195 North Main Street	508-777-1869
Housing Authority	Third Monday 7:00pm	Orchard Circle	508-774-4333
Howe-Manning School	Mon-Fri 8:00-3:00	26 Central Street	508-774-3519
Library Trustees	Second Monday 7:30pm	Flint Public Library	508-774-8132
Planning Board	2nd and 4th Wednesday 7:30pm	195 North Main Street	508-777-8917
Planning Office	Mon-Fri 8:00-4:00	195 North Main Street	508-777-8917
<b>POLICE Department</b>	Mon-Fri 8:00-5:00	65 North Main Street	508-774-4424
Recreation Comm.	First Tuesday 7:00pm	Old Town Hall/Senior Ctr.	
Regional School Comm	First & Third Weds. 7:30pm	Masco Admin. Bldg.	
School Committee	2nd Thurs & Variable 7:30pm	Fuller Meadow School	508-750-4756
Board of Selectmen	Every Tues. 7:30pm (Jul & Aug every other Tues)	Fuller Meadow School	508-774-3344
Selectmen's Office	Mon-Fri 8:30-4:30	Memorial Hall	508-774-3344
Transfer Station	Wed, Sat, Sun 7:00-4:00	Natsue Way	
Town Clerk	Every Tues 7:00-9:00pm Mon-Thurs. 9:00-3:00, Fri 9:00 -1:00	Memorial Hall	508-774-6927
Tri-Town School Union	Variable	Cole School, Boxford	
Tax & Treasurer/Collector	Every Tuesday 7:00-9:00pm Mon-Fri 8:00-4:00	Memorial Hall	508-774-8327 508-774-1867

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